

St. Mary's Postulate  
3300 W. Shawson Ave.  
Los Angeles 43, California  
January 1, 1954

Dear Father Cloyne,

This is the first opportunity I've had to tell you how convent life is agreeing with me. So far everything is wonderful and I'm sure the rest will be the same.

Christmas was particularly happy. Joseph came to see me and stayed about two hours. It was such a surprise that I'm afraid I was a bit incoherent for the rest of that afternoon. I think he's coming again in March for the reception. He told me that he had received the tonsure and minor orders. That news made me very happy.

Right now I'm losing my mind slowly but surely trying to decide what name I would like to take. I'm afraid I won't be able to take Annunciata so I would like instead to take something with Theresa in it, since the little Flower is my patroness. I feel very close to her, too, and she has helped so much.

I wish you would pray in a very special way for a very dear friend of mine. She seems to be very restless and she can't make up her mind about what she wants to do with her life. It's very possible that she has a religious vocation but she doesn't realize it.

Please excuse the brevity of this note but I must go to chapel and finish saying Office. I hope you have a Blessed and Happy New Year.

Sincerely with prayers,  
Pauline Larier

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J.M.S.  
SISTERS OF THE HOLY CROSS  
1920 SOUTH BRONSON AVENUE  
LOS ANGELES 18, CALIFORNIA

January 2, 1952

Dear Father,

God is so good - I want to thank you so much for all you have done for my mother - The Blessed Mother certainly has taken care of her - Everything happened and fast too since you saw her - She is now in St. John's Hospital in Santa Monica - She is a charity patient there - I am so happy and relieved - She is getting the best of care and the best doctors - She is receiving Holy Communion every morning which, she said, is the only thing that counts - She is so happy and contented - She has uremic poison and was not able to keep anything down today - Maybe the Kings will come for her, if it's God's will - on the sixth - It will be the twenty-fifth anniversary of my First Profession - Please pray for me too, Father, that I will do

what God wants me too - Since the Blessed Mother  
is taking care of my mother, I am not worried  
any more - She will come for her, won't she?

Thank you for all your time, trouble,  
and every thing -

Gratefully in the Immaculate Heart,  
Sister M. Miel

January 3, 1954

Dear Father Aloysius,

I am inclosing fifty dollars for fifty Low Masses for my special intention. The five dollar check from Loddie Schmitt is to be used for five Low Masses for your own intention.

For days I have been trying to write to you but somehow I can't collect my thoughts sufficiently with this extremely heavy schedule I have. Most of my day is spent in the Church working. When I'm not there my mind is quite taken up with all that I have to do over there. In one way it is good for me to have so much to keep me busy, yet sometimes I wonder if you would approve of my natural



interest in this work. I do like it and I will have to admit that I take great pride in keeping everything in perfect order and neatness. That's just the way I am! I even enjoy the praise that comes to me from the Bishop and the priests. Is this not part of the old self showing up in me?

In my Christmas card I wrote a note telling you about the priest I am praying for. I talk with him rather frequently and I have done much to encourage him to pray, and live more for God. He has shown improvement and I do believe I have helped him however. I'm wondering if you would approve of this. I mean it only for God and I pray much, yes, very much that God will allow me to be the instrument in His hands to draw this soul to Himself.

I am making many sacrifices for this purpose too. In all sincerity, I want to do as much as possible to gain grace for this priest. He has so many good qualities but he is so lost in his vocation.

Father, I'm never alone in the sacristy, there are usually two or three other sisters with me. Tell me, Father, do you think it is all right for me to talk with the priest under these circumstances. I have no natural affection for him nor has he for me.

If you know of any good Confessor here in Chicago that could be recommended for his spiritual direction, I would be happy if you'd give me the name, however,

I am not certain that I could persuade him to go to anyone just yet. I have hopes that, as he makes greater progress, I can get around to it eventually.

Do let me hear from you, Father, please. I want to feel that I am straight with God in all that I do.

More and more each day, I realize the frivolity of all that does not lead us to Him.

You taught me to know and love God. If He so wills it, I'd like to teach this poor priest to know and love Him too.

It is horrible to live without God. — I know! That is why my heart aches for anyone else who suffers this loss.

Alain and Brother Raymond  
came to see me Tuesday  
evening. They stayed about an  
hour and I really did enjoy  
having them. Alain seems  
perfectly happy, in fact, the happiest  
I've ever seen him! Brother Raymond  
told me about Spain and some  
of his experiences. Naturally, we  
spoke of you too.

My dear mother was so happy  
to get a Christmas card from  
you. Of all the things she  
received for Christmas I do  
believe your card meant the  
most to her.

It is getting late so I shall have  
to close. Please let me hear  
from you. I shall be anxious  
too, to know if you received  
the money.

Continue to pray for me,  
Father and ask God please

to allow me to give this  
one soul to Him.

Gratefully in the Sacred Heart,  
Sister Mary Virginia

San Gabriel Convent  
January 6, 1952

My dear Father -

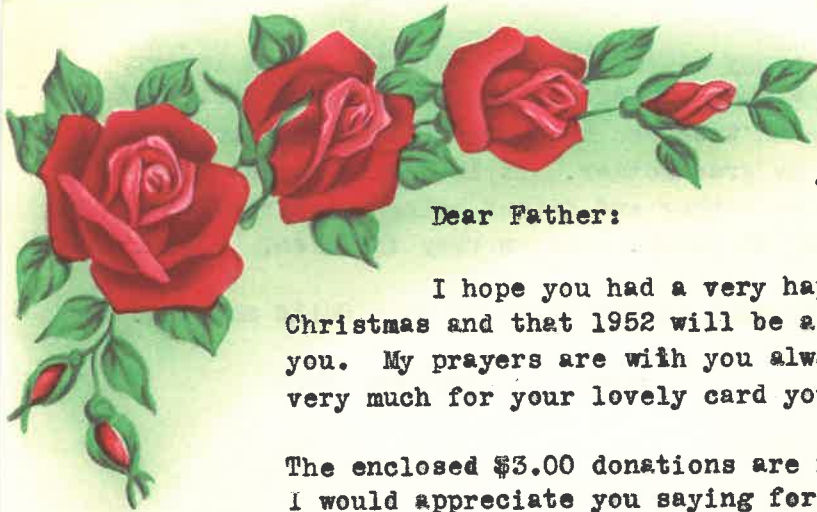
Blessed greetings on this beautiful Epiphany Feast on which I observe the 4<sup>th</sup> anniversary of my entrance into the family of St. Dominic. Yesterday was the fourth anniversary of my first interview with you, Father. Blessed Day! How can I ever sufficiently or adequately thank God or you my dear Father for this great privilege and grace! He alone knows what it has meant to my soul.

On New Year Day we draw a practice for the year. Mine: Purity of heart.

I have been ill since December 20 with pneumonia. It has been an intimate period with Jesus and Mary. I value your prayer. May every precious grace be granted you.

Gratefully -  
Sister M. Dolores, O.P.





Jan 6, 1952

Dear Father:

I hope you had a very happy and holy Christmas and that 1952 will be a good year for you. My prayers are with you always. Thank you very much for your lovely card you sent me.

The enclosed \$3.00 donations are for 3 Masses I would appreciate you saying for 3 very special intentions. One is to be said for a dear friend, Dorothea Gleesen's soul, who died last week with a heart attack and left 6 children, 4 young ones at home. One is for the repose of the soul of a another friend who also died last week at the age of 40. He was not a Catholic but had been saying "My Daily Prayer" every day before he died, so I trust that God in His Infinite Mercy saved his soul. His family were of various anti-Catholic religions, such as Christian Science and Holy Rollers, so it was difficult to get any cooperation from them. His name is Raymond Young and I am sure a Mass will help him. The third Mass is for a very good lady friend of mine, Mrs. Thessalie Budinger who is in the General Hospital dying of cancer of the spine. She is a convert to the Catholic Church, but is now married a second time outside of the Church. When I saw her today, she had been reading Unity and had not as yet seen a Priest. My prayers are that she either will be cured in body or soul.

Father, you might be interested in this bit of good news. My grandmother became ill a few months ago and had been away from the Sacraments for over 60 years. I never ceased praying that she would receive God's Grace and get the Sacraments of the Church before He called her Home so her soul would be saved. Just like a miracle, just a few hours before she went into a coma, she called for a Priest and made a wonderful confession and received the last Sacraments.

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She seemed so happy after that. Then a few hours later she went into a coma and died a day and a half later. God is so good. I haven't ceased thanking Him for this great Grace he sent my grandmother. It is such a consolation to me because of my Mother and Father being away from the Sacraments over 40 years. Please pray for them, Father.

Hope to see you soon at the Heart of Mary Guild meeting.

Sincerely in Jesus and Mary

Ange Fuller

P.S. Please excuse errors.

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J. H. J.  
SISTERS OF THE HOLY CROSS  
1920 SOUTH BRONSON AVENUE  
LOS ANGELES 18, CALIFORNIA

January 8, 1952

My dear Father Bloysius:

We are most grateful to you for coming to our house New Year's eve and for the inspiring conference that you gave us. Everything you said was exactly what I needed. I believe that I now understand better how to go about increasing our love of God. As you said, we can always keep on trying and starting over again.

I thank you for blessing me many times. That evening I seemed to be all right. Since then, however, I have not been. I thank you also for your greetings on January sixth.

May I ask you to continue your prayers for the beatification of our holy Founder? Recently another step toward his beatification has been taken in Rome.

I will continue to pray for you  
each day as you requested. Will  
you please pray for me sometimes  
that I may become a better religious?

Yours sincerely in the Holy Spirit,  
Sister R. Donald



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trappist-cistercian abbey  
trappist, kentucky

January 13, 1954

Dear Father Aloysius,

May Jesus be in your heart and on your lips!

Father, I want to thank you for the very kind letter which you wrote me last November, in answer to my appeal for prayers. I fear, Father, that those boys I sent you have painted entirely too nice a picture of me. Remember, they were only here a year or two as Novices, and you must surely know how Our Lord conceals the faults of the Novice Master from the souls in his charge.

But Edward McCabe, in his Christmas letter, assures me that you are continuing to pray for me, and to remember me at Holy Mass. Thanks be to God, for I need it no less now than when I wrote to you. Meanwhile, I am happy to keep you and your Novices and all my dear Claretians in my daily Mass.

Father, I am enclosing notes for Chas. Clark and for Edward. Also a note for Reid Tustison, whose Hollywood address I am hoping you will have. This is the ex-Novice of ours whom I put in touch with you and Donald a year or so ago. He is originally from Indianapolis. If you don't have his address, just return the note to me.

With all good wishes, and begging your blessing,

Sincerely in the Holy Spirit,

*F. M. Urban, O.C.S.O.*

P.S. I'd like for you to read the letter to Reid.

St. Joseph's Hospital  
January 15, 1952  
Denver, Colorado

Dear Father Aloysius

A belated Blessed Christmas and  
a Holy and Happy New Year to you  
Father.

Sisters Ann Ray. and Mary Eustelle  
have told me of the wonderful  
conferences. I am severely happy for  
them. It means so much to hear  
of our Lord - brings them so much  
closer.

Last week we had the happiness  
of sharing in a Circle Conference on  
The Mystical Body by Father Rooney,  
S. J. from St. Louis. The conferences  
were divided into four main  
groups - The Mystical Body Doctrine  
The Mystical Body as Worship  
(The Mass)

recently - I wait for the meditations  
which she always puts in her  
notes.

Father would you please  
offer Mass for a special  
intention for me?

Thank you, Father and  
please remember me in your  
prayers.

Sincerely in Christ,  
Sister Louise de Manèze.

The Mystical Body at Work  
& The Mystical Body in Suffering.

The Sisters from Las Vegas,  
Leadville, Grand Junction and two  
from Billings attended so everyone  
had a chance. It was surely  
beautiful and I hope to put  
it to good use.

It was so nice having June  
with us for a few days. My, how  
our Lord loves her. The lights  
really shine - a star out of  
Hollywood is a true saying.

Joe Reid was over the other  
day but will come back  
tomorrow for a visit - He has  
had it pretty hard but I think  
is fairly well settled now.

I have heard from Mrs. Evans



1040 Leavenworth St

San Francisco

California

Jan 19<sup>th</sup> 1954

Dear Rev Father,

I in appreciation for the

Rosary and nice little pamphlet  
and relic of St Anthony Mary  
Claret which you gave me. I  
am mailing to you a cincture  
cord. It is the first cincture  
cord I have ever made.

I hope it is allright and that  
you can use it. Father I am  
glad that through you I have  
learned of a Saint that had  
such great devotion to the

immaculate heart of Mary.

It is in honor of the Immaculate  
Heart of Mary to the Sacred Heart  
of Jesus I offer my prayers. I shall  
never forget how delighted I was when  
as a child I first came across  
the prayer. Mary Dearest Mother  
mine with thine own my heart  
entwine. Sometimes I wonder why  
Our Blessed Lady did not take  
better care of me. It seems as though  
she did not know me. How privileged  
-are you who have been called so close  
to God since your childhood years

Father I have prayed on your little  
rosary every day since you gave it  
to me and do not forget to pray for  
you. Remember me to Our Blessed  
Mother. Tell her I feel lost maybe she will  
listen

Respectfully yours  
Catherine Regan.

*Missionnaires Fils du Coeur Immaculé de Marie*  
(Clarétiens)



Tél. 4150

Villa Claret.

Rang St-Joseph

C. P. 8

January 19, 1954

Carissime,

Victoriaville, P. Q.,

The words of greeting used by St. John came to my mind as I thought of sending you, my spiritual father, a few words to let you know about the progress that is being made at "your Villa Claret". I believe I sent you a few words in my Christmas card...one of the very few cards I sent out this year due to the fact that we have been so very busy with priestly work. During the month of December alone I heard over 400 confessions; Christmas week I heard 300 for sure. All totaled the year of '53 I heard over 5,000 confessions; gave Our Lord in Holy Communion to over 20,000 persons. I am sure, beloved Father, that one so "wrapped up in God" as you are, this place would surely be an enjoyment for you to work in.

But my main idea in writing you a few words now is not so much to "glorify my humble person"...you know how far I am from being what I should be: a saintly priest. The Good God knows I am doing my utmost....and I am sure He will and **is** making up for my many deficiencies. However, you who has instilled in my heart, a great love for our holy Father Founder should be the first to know that your prophetic words to me are now a reality. Our saintly Father Claret is working wonders here at Villa Claret...really! A lady's cancered nose has been cured; people whom I have never met come, ask for Fr. Jean-Marie and as soon as I enter the room they insist upon a **miraculous cure** of some kind. Naturally, beloved Father, I am dismayed when I see this. It would be a different matter if Our Good God had given me such a power to cure people. I just have not received such a **charisma** from heaven. These people smile when I tell them that **I cannot cure them...that I have no such power...that such rumors are entirely false...that if they insist that it is I that cures them, then they will not be cured at all!!!** They reply, "yes, yes", but cure us anyway! So it is then that I lean so "heavily" upon our tender Father Claret. No doubt he sees my situation and comes to my aide. I simply tell the persons to start a Novena in honor of St. Antoine Claret; if they have not received their favor, then begin one in Thanksgiving to show their confidence. Their confidence, I tell them, is the measure of their obtaining the needed grace. I then give them a relic-card of our beloved Father Founder, and if their case is a desperate one, I bless them with the reliquary which is on our altar. Then I send them on their way. St. Antoine Claret **does the rest**. Now, this **Villa Claret** is becoming almost a shrine in the way of pilgrims coming here for favors. So I am sure this will gladden your Claretian heart which is so much "in love" with our saintly Father Founder. He is doing just what you told me he would.

Did I tell you that the choice of names (Villa Claret) was given as a fulfillment of my promise to you before I left your room 1952? Yes, I managed to insist on that name in a rather subtle way. Now I fulfilled my promise. But, beloved Father, would'nt you want to <sup>have</sup> a "big share" in spreading the devotion to St. Antoine Claret here in Canada? If so, I have a grand idea.....and **you** can make it a reality. We need a statue of our holy Founder here so that the people can have his resemblance in their imagination. Do you know of any one who would "donate" the price of such a statue? We will soon have the most lovely **Immaculate Heart of Mary**, all done in wood; crystal eyes; seated on a throne with the most beautiful "Baby Jesus" seated on Her <sup>mother's</sup> lap. This was donated (the <sup>money</sup> price I mean) by a lady in Spain, a friend of Fr. Superior. It will be placed on the Main Altar as our Chapel is dedicated to the Immaculate Heart of Mary. We would like to have a statue made of our Father Founder in wood; crystal eyes, by the same artist who made our Im. Heart Statue. But all we lack is the benefactor, or benefactress. Knowing how devoted you are to St. Antoine



you

(Finding such a donor.)

Claret, I invite to assist us in this need. The statue we would like to order (if we find some donor) would not be a big one....only 24 inches tall....Would this be possible? Any way let me know what you think. Am I being bold in sending you this Claretian Invitation? We could even put a plaque with the donor's name on it if you deem it prudent...and when we would receive the statue we could send the donor a picture of it with a special letter of thanks.

How have you been, Father Aloysius. I have not heard from you for a very long time? I know you don't care to write....you are detached from all that (but sometimes it is a great mortification to have to write when we would rather be doing something else... don't you think?) but still one appreciates receiving a note now and then. Being in another country, even though it may have been the fatherland of my ancestors, still one feels "not too much a part of the nation". Then too being the only one of my kind here in the community also makes a bit of difference. However, our little community of three Fathers (Fr. Pujolras, Fr. Michel Tolosa and I ) plus our exemplary Brother Urban is **one** at heart and soul. Fr. Provincial has appointed me First Consultor (because there was no one else I believe, ha, ha), Prefect of Postulants (we have three: Jean-Marie Lambert; Rosaire (Rosary in English) and Yvon Lafontaine) which is a job since these young lads know nothing about the religious life. Then too, one must teach them everything. At times I feel "down-and-out" because of the patience it requires....one must teach them everything! I don't recall you're having to teach us practically everything like I must do these young lads. To hang up their clothers on hangers; to drink or rather take their soup without making noise like animals.....the ~~the~~ young I admit: 13, 14 and 15 years old. Now I know **why** God is perfecting you more and more. You went through a period of being **a prefect**: being a prefect is enough to sanctify any one who takes the job at heart.

Really, I don't know what I have't told you about Villa Claret. I cannot recall how often I have written to you. Of Course I know it was't often due to the fact that Since Aug. 22nd I had to do the cooking, cleaning of this 15 room house, care for the Postulants and then continue doing parish work Saturday afternoons and Sunday morning at St. Paul of Chester (ten miles from here). So with all that, plus my Holy Breviary which I never finished until 11:30 every night at that time (this was really a discouraging part of the foundation at least for me since I was soo sleepy; all were in bed and I was walking the floor praying my Breviary since cooking, housework and the Postulants had taken all my time). I almost fell asleep walking several times...then it was Beloved Father, that I wondered **why** God permitted all that, since it seemed that I had more than my share of work to do....how could one pray his Breviary when all "pulled him down", sleepiness, tired, and even a bit but not too much, on the discouraged side. I would think of my confrères in California asleep in their beds....heat of California (we didn't have heat here until Dec. 17).... then Fr. Superior wanted to put new roofing paper on the chicken coupe. Oh, did that take **Faith** to see God tolerating such a decision when the October, November and even December weather did not call for such work. Rain (literally taken), freezing weather saw us two working on that long two-story chicken coupe. I had the dirtiest job...putting the tar on the boards....my hands were numb with cold....I could hardly feel them. Covered with tar they even got colder. I offered it up for my countless past infidelities....bore it all in silence carried all the 100 lbs. rolls of tar paper up the roof since Fr. Superior has a bad heart; then it was that the picturesque poem: **The beautiful hands of a Priest**, came to my mind. I laughed to myself: "yes," I thought: "Yes, that poem was written for a secular, but not for a religious priest!!!" Then I had to clean off the best I could, all that tar; go into the house to start supper; after supper see that the Postulants studied...try to start my Office. When I was tired (which was a daily occurrence) I would take more time than usual to pray my Breviary....sometimes even 2 hours, since I would fall asleep, wake up and then wonder **where I had left off**....so I would always start the page **to be sure**. I wonder, if God at that time was displeased with me for I do recall several times having been a bit peeved at Him for permitting me to have soo much work to do during the day, thus hindering me from praying my Breviary at the regular appointed times. What do you think, Beloved Father. I did accuse myself of this in confession, as I thought it quite disrespectful to "get angry at God" that way.



Carmelite Sisters of St. Therese

Villa Teresa

1300 Classen Drive

Oklahoma City 3, Oklahoma

January 25, 1954

Praise be to Jesus and Mary

Reverend and dear Father Aloysius,

My pleasure was great on receiving your encouraging and spiritual letter. I feel that as long as you are praying for this infant community, God will bless us. How good <sup>the</sup> hope to allow me the unexpected pleasure of meeting you. It was worth all my sufferings.

Yes, Father, I remember the boy with "the face of an Angel;" Brother Francis Chelieu, you called him. How very happy I am and how very grateful to you for directing ~~me~~ towards the Carmelite sisters of Oklahoma.

Yesterday, we had a very beautiful ceremony and the bishop officiated. There were two young girls who received the holy Carmelite habit and



Two who made their first profession.  
The charity of the Sisters was most touching and we felt <sup>as</sup> if we were one loving family.

Thank you so very much for saying the holy masses. I only wish that I could assist at them. And I am enclosing a mass offering, if you yourself will be so kind as to offer it, for our little sister Teresa Margaret, who possesses a religious vocation, but who has allowed her heart to be drawn outside her convent to the opposite sex. Would it be wrong to ask God to take her rather than expose herself to being a "lost vocation?"

The sisters, your grateful daughters, and myself, unite in praying for you each day. We are most thankful that you remember us in the most holy sacrifice of the mass; how shall we ever repay you?

And please pray that peace will be again restored to our little Teresa Margaret.

Once again, I am in perfect conformity with God's most holy will; how sweet to rest in His loving wisdom.

Your humble child  
Mother Celine Teresa

*Margaret M. Scott*

ELECTROLYSIS  
6823 RUGBY AVE.  
HUNTINGTON PARK, CALIF.  
Jan. 31, 1954

My Dear Father Aloysius:

Thank you very much for your lovely Christmas card; sorry I didn't get around to answering sooner. I am enclosing a check for five dollars; will you please say a Mass for the happy repose of the soul of the mother of Mr. S.E. Murphy who died last December.

Angie Fuller was my guest last night and she was telling me about the active Carmelite order in Oklahoma City. You know, Father, for the last seven years I have been contemplating the Magdelins, after my mother dies. I intend to go to have another interview with Mother Superior at the Good Shepherd Convent on South Arlington, as I understand they are planning on opening a Magdalen convent here in the near future. I am very much passed the age limit and it is far from certain that they would accept me. Would you kindly offer up a prayer for me since that is my heart's desire, (The Magdalins). I want to try there first. But if it is not God's will, maybe Mother Celine would accept me in the convent in Oklahoma.

This spring I am going to Joe Reed's ordination in Pueblo, Colorado and I thought I might go on to Oklahoma City to visit Mother Celine: Do you think that would be a good idea?

Any letter from you would be most welcome if you have time; otherwise remember me in a little prayer.

Sincerely in the Immaculate Heart of Mary,

*Margaret M. Scott.*



The Charming  
330 California Ave.  
Santa Monica 2/1/54

Reverend<sup>and</sup> Dear Father,

Enclosed is a check  
for thirty dollars. Please  
use it for mass stipends  
for my sweet little sister  
of charity, Sister Mary Hypatia.  
She is now in bed most  
of the day. I fear she  
is in for a rugged time.  
Since recovery seems  
hopeless pray that she  
can slip quietly and gently  
into Eternity. Her prayer  
is "Thy will be done" but  
I trust God in His mercy  
will spare her the  
agonizing prolonged

suffering that often  
precedes death when  
one is afflicted with  
cancer of the spine.

My brother in Montana  
is ill, too — probably  
cancer of the lung.

We all must draw  
comfort from our faith.

If it is impossible  
for you to say all of the  
masses yourself I hope  
you can say some because  
I know you already have  
brought courage to my  
sister. She has never asked  
me to pray for her recovery  
but always has said,

"Pray that I'll have  
the courage to accept  
my suffering in such  
a way that when I  
say 'Thy will be done'  
I say it humbly,  
honestly and fervently."

She has courage  
and resignation and  
a great control - pray  
that her remaining  
stretch will not be  
too rugged and that  
she can go as she  
lived - always sweet  
smiling, happy in her  
service. Gratefully  
Evelyn Coughlin

rec'd  
2-13-54

717 Parker Avenue  
San Francisco, 18, Calif.  
Feb. 10, 1955

Reverend and dear Father Ellacuria,

Will you kindly  
pray for the recovery of  
this lady who has suffered  
for years from arthritis,  
if it be for the good  
of her soul and the holy  
Will of God. (Mrs. Whalen)  
Also, for the intentions—

I should like the Holy  
Sacrifice of the Mass  
offered for my child,  
Sister Mary of the Passion  
and also, for the  
repose of the soul of  
my dear brother  
James F. Mullen, whom  
we haven't heard of  
or from since Dec. 3, 1946.

Thank you so much,  
dear Father, for these

precious favors.

Your prayers were  
so efficacious for the  
return of health for  
Mrs. Fassione. I am  
deeply grateful for  
every thing. Dear Sister  
has told me so much  
of your kindness.

Also <sup>the</sup> dear little Carmelite  
Sister Mary Louise of the Immaculate Heart  
is such a precious nun. Have  
heard so many sweet things



about her.

Enclosed is a little offering  
of \$5.00. I shall be most  
grateful and hope to be  
able to send more later  
on.

Ever very gratefully and  
reverently in the  
Immaculate Heart of  
Our Blessed Mother

Mary and T. Sample.

Please for us all, Anne, Leo  
and myself. Thank you.



MISIONEROS HIJOS DEL  
INMACULADO CORAZON DE MARIA  
TEMPLO DE SAN HIPOLITO  
ZARCO 12 TEL. 21-38-39  
MEXICO, D. F.

a 16 de febrero de 1953

M. R.P. Luis Ellacuría, C.M.F.  
Los Angeles, Calif.  
U.S.A.

Muy reverendo y amado Padre:

Saludo con gran cariño filial a V.  
R. deseándole toda suerte de bendiciones.

En seguida me permito presentarle  
a las portadoras de la presente, Sra. Carmen C. de Tapia y Sri-  
ta. María Elena Silva, ambas primas de su servidor, quienes van  
por primera vez a ese País. Muchísimo le agradeceré, amado Pa-  
dre, la ayuda y orientación que V.R. pueda prestarles en rela-  
ción con el fin de su viaje, que ellas mismas expondrán a Vues-  
tra Reverencia.

Por mi parte les he encargado que  
lleven a V.R. el afectuoso saludo que su servidor tendría in-  
menso gusto en darle personalmente, así como mis sinceros de-  
seos de que el Corazón de nuestra Madre le siga asistiendo en  
su fructuoso trabajo por las almas.

Anticipándole mi honda gratitud  
por la atención que estoy seguro dará V.R. a mis ruegos, le  
quedo afmo. hijo y servidor que cuenta con sus oraciones y le  
pide la bendición:

  
Adolfo Silva, C.M.F.

Feb 17 / 54.

Dear Father Chrysos.

Friend in Christ.

Just left our dear Frankie and enclosed find 2.00 as soon as you possibly can read a mass just for Charley's mother, she has upset things in general. Our dear friend is suffering so very much, God give her the strength to bear, "gladly would I suffer for her," We prayed our rosary then added special prayers for your boys our dear beloved Father Chrysos. Each day I have prayers for you dear friend our dear St. Chrysos joins in he will remember you also.

Thank you God love bless you keep you well

Respectfully

P.S.

2.00 from Frankie. Mary



## CLARETIAN MISSIONARIES

1119 WESTCHESTER PL.  
LOS ANGELES 19, CALIFORNIA

Feb. 21, 1954

Dear Rev. Father Provincial,

The purpose of this letter is to inform you of my desire and intention of returning to the Trappist Monastery of Our Lady of Gethsemani, and to beg your blessing and prayers.

For a long time the thought of returning has been present to me but now only after much reflection and prayer do I yield to these most insistent desires of my soul for more solitude, silence and discipline - for <sup>the</sup> entire Trappist life.

I wish Dear Rev. Father Provincial to express my deep gratitude to you for all that you have, and would have done for me. I am sorry for any disappointment my leaving may cause you. I realize that God brought me here for a purpose and now I am ready to go back and finish the work He gave me to do. Among the many benefits I have received here and of which I am most grateful are included: 1. A much greater love of Our Blessed Mother, 2. A much greater zeal for the salvation of souls, 3. A very great desire to suffer for and in Christ Jesus, to be lost in Him. I count as a very great grace that I received here, a much deeper penetration of and relish for the Epistles of St. Paul and the writings of Dom Columba Marmion.

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Also these nine months have also served to strengthen my body as well as my soul, and so I return to the monastery very much revitalized - thanks entirely to the mercy and grace of God and the great kindness of the Claretian Congregation - May God bless you and all the American Claretians. Needless to say you and all Claretians have a standing place in my heart and in my prayers. May Jesus and Mary bless and prosper you and your work.

with gratitude

All for Love.

in Cordis Mater

Charles W. Clark.



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our lady of gethsemani



trappist-cistercian abbey  
trappist, kentucky

Feb. 24, 1954.

Dear Father Aloysius,

Peace and grace.

Things did not work out at all as I had hoped Father. To sum it all up in a few words, I was refused readmittance to the Choir Novitiate because of my mental or psychological inaptitude for Trappist life. Also I acted imprudently in not waiting for Rev. Father Abbot and Father Urban to reply to my letters. Fr. advised me also not to try the other Trappist monasteries in the country as they would ask for references from Gethsemani and I would be back where I started from.

I wish to take this opportunity to thank you for all that you did to help me. and to apologize for any sorrow or inconvenience I may have caused.

Before I left, you mentioned that there would be no chance to come back to the Claretiens. Exactly Father, what is the situation?



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Would it be possible for me to come back? To return to the Clareian Novitiate was my first thought when I saw that I could not reenter Gethsemani. Could you let me know about this <sup>as</sup> soon as possible? I am still not <sup>even</sup> certain to what Province I belonged to. - East or West.

I received the Bonds here at Gethsemani today so I will be able to repay you in a few days. Would you please send that box of books and drafting equipment to my aunt - Mrs. Pearl Wyerman 844 3rd Ave. Duncansville, Pennsylvania?

In case that it is impossible for me to be allowed to ~~re~~ resume my novitiate with you Father, would you please send any suggestions as to what you believe might be my vocation?

Please remember me in your prayers and Holy Mass.

My love to all and thanks for everything.

in corde matris

Charles W. Clark.

P.S. I will be staying here a few days till I ~~here~~ hear from you.



El Retiro San Inigo  
JESUIT RETREAT HOUSE  
LOS ALTOS, CALIFORNIA



Mrs. Xenia Anderson  
P.O. Box 858  
Fancaster  
California

2/26/54

Dear Xenia: Mary's True Slave.  
Lps.

Your Christmas note has  
never been answered. I am  
clearing my desk of mail,  
and I wish you to know I'm  
grateful for your prayers.

Whatever your experiences  
are, whether natural or  
supernatural, you may  
be sure that God permits  
them only for His glory and  
the sanctification of  
souls including your  
own. Wisdoms them as  
soon as possible, but accept

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Whatever suffering they  
involve and offer them to  
Our Lady for reparation  
purposes.

May Our Lady be  
your constant Companion  
and powerful assistant,

Sincerely in Her Heart -  
with a blessing -

J. F. Fagundes S. J.



J. M. J.  
ST. MARY'S CONVENT,  
NOTRE DAME,  
INDIANA.

Feb 27th 1954

Rev. Aloisius Ellicurra C.M.F.

As Lent is so near a line to tell You how happy I was to receive Your sweet little letter many thanks to You.

I will try by every means at my disposal to carry out Your advice especially during this Our Holy Mothers Year. I've always had a great love for Her. from the first opening day I've promised Her 10 Magnificats in thanks giving to Her for Her holy cooperation in all the graces the most Holy Trinity, as well as Her Divine Son bestowed on Her. asking Her to give peace to the world, along with other prayers in Her honor. I fully intend to double up as it were during the holy season of Lent.

So dear Father You asked me to pray for Your sanctification that I surely will do, how much I would give to be near You so I could sit down to receive some of Your holy instructions that some of our Sisters out there were privileged to hear. I heard about the lovely conferences You gave them, God love You now I promise You every Thursday, as it is a Eucharistic day and I know like Your Holy Founder St. Anthony M. Clarit You love the Blessed Sacrament as a holy cross day, that means from 3 A.M. to 9 P.M. every act, every prayer, and of course holy Mass, + Communion for this Your ardent desire, as well as all Your special intentions

Please Father offer a holy mass for Senator McCarthy for all his intentions especially for his safety he narrowly escaped assassination, he is fighting Communism, and is been persecuted. at the request of one of the sisters who know him well. Thank You.

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School of Saint Mary  
Lake Forest, Illinois

Quinquagesima Sunday  
February 28, 1954

Dear Father,

Thank you so much for the religious articles you sent me. I have great devotion to St. Clare and ~~am~~ trying to spread devotion to him among my students and fellow religious.

Mom, Dad and Dick enjoyed their visit with you. It is always one of the first things we hear about when they return home.

Be assured of my prayers for your intentions especially during



the holy season of sacrifice we are  
entering. May Our Lord continue to  
bless the work of your Order here  
in America.

Prayerfully in J.C.,

Sister Mary Myles, R.S.M.

SAINT ANDREW CONVENT

1720 ADDISON STREET  
CHICAGO 13, ILLINOIS

February 28, 1954

Dear Father Gloysine,

Could I trouble you just once more for some advice? I explained to you in a previous letter that I have been praying much and offering many sacrifices for a priest who is greatly in need. His life is so empty — so completely without God. With all the sincerity of ~~my~~ my heart, I do want to win grace for him, just as you did for me, so for this reason I would like to offer myself to God as a "Victim Soul" to suffer whatever God may

choose to send me — whatever He desires  
to have me suffer in order to win sufficient  
grace to make of this priest a humble  
and prayerful man. Tell me, Father,  
do you think such an offering would be  
pleasing to God and do you think I am  
able for it? This priest needs someone  
to help him just as I did. I would like  
to be the one if you will approve.  
Without your approval I'd be afraid.

I am striving at much greater exactitude  
in all my daily duties as a form of  
penance and I am working with  
greater earnest to be more charitable.

SAINT ANDREW CONVENT

1720 ADDISON STREET

CHICAGO 13, ILLINOIS

These things, I know, must come first so I have put them in first place. Now, if you think it feasible, I'd like to make this offering — to suffer all crosses that God chooses to send me — to give myself, without reserve, to God, for whatever He wishes, whatever is necessary for this soul.

Please keep this cause in your prayers, Father. I am counting on you for help. You promised always to direct me. Now I need you. I am sincere in all that

I'm doing but I certainly don't want to tempt God by doing anything rash.

The four dollars is for four Low Masses for this priest.

Gratfully in the Sacred Heart,  
Sister Mary Virginia





UNITED STATES AIR FORCE

3/2/54

Dear Sister Benetta:

I suppose you think I have forgotten our meeting on the train but I haven't — I have thought of it many times and I want to tell you that I feel that your prayer was heard and has helped me a lot. I will confess I took it up from where I last saw you and did some praying myself and incidentally included you in them — I thought possibly there is a place in heaven for such irony as a prayer from a person such as myself for a person such as you.

So far I have been able to keep my family together in spite of a few rough spots from time to time.

The main thing however is that we are all still together and making progress toward a little happiness after being separated for so long.

I feel too that probably I have acted wisely (with the help of your consultation) in not bringing to the fore front any of the personalities that I associated myself with — whether they were of God or the devil I do not know, but I do know there was some good in all of them.

Sister, I do not want to cause you to involve yourself with any of the unfortunate aspects of my life — however it is my conscience that prompts me to further ask favors of you. It is partly that I feel so strongly that you may have — no, you were — the answer to a lot of problems

that I have been groping with.  
I will get to the point — there  
was a girl, a Japanese, who  
actually attached herself to me —  
and eventually I became very  
fond of her. As is the tragic  
result of such happenings. I  
will soon be the father of  
a child in a land on the  
other side of the earth.

You are the first and probably  
the last that I have ever  
told this too, however I  
would like to send this girl  
some money from time to  
time, whenever I have it

— and wonder if you could  
contact one of the sisters who  
are on Okinawa and have  
them deliver the money to her.

I know there is an order  
of nuns on Okinawa as I  
saw them many times ~~to~~  
driving around the island  
in a jeep.



I told her that I would try <sup>to</sup> send her money some way but that it would usually be Xmas time when I would send it — however it may be that I can send her small amounts from time to time if you could help get it to her. Incidentally, I told her that I would probably contact the Catholic Chaplain on it, but now, I think the sisters would be better. She promised me too that she would raise the child as a Catholic. If you decide to forward it for me, I do not think it will be necessary to mention my name — just that a Captain sends it.

To  
Shizuko Uehara  
Orokuson-aza Ashamine  
Okinawa

She can be contacted through her brother who is the only maker of and dealer of semishens (oriental guitars) in Orokuson

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Thanks you again Sister - and  
I will be ever grateful to you  
if you would contact some one  
on Okinawa for me in this  
matter.

Sincerely,

Capt. M B Smith

The extra dollar is for P.O.  
Money order, stamps etc.





Carmelite Sisters of St. Therese

Villa Teresa

1300 Classen Drive

Oklahoma City 3, Oklahoma

March 2, 1954

Praise be to Jesus and Mary  
Reverend and dear Father Aloysius,

How patient and Christ-like is  
your charity in answering my letters. Your  
letters are like so many rays of sunshine  
and the knowledge that you pray for me  
gives me great courage. How good God is

to allow creatures to aid one another. How I  
often wish that I might visit with you for  
a few minutes and be instructed in the art of  
loving God; if only I could, more frequently  
recall His adorable presence within me. What I  
long for seems to be so far away.

Miss Fuller has written several times  
and seems very sincere concerning her desire  
to enter our little community. I only wish  
that she might enter as soon as possible,  
instead of waiting until next August or  
September.

Miss Blackman has not written, as yet.  
I only hope that God wills her to come to  
Oklahoma; with such a brother, I feel that  
she would make an excellent religious

Miss Elizabeth Mc Kee has written and



Carmelite Sisters of St. Therese

Villa Teresa

1300 Classen Drive

Oklahoma City 3, Oklahoma

while she seems to most anxious to work for God in religious life, I feel that, since she has been a convert only for three years, it might be well to wait.

I am in Memphis, on my way home, having been in St. Louis to see our sister Loretta, a sweet and humble religious, who is mentally ill. Two of her sisters, also in our community, are in Catholic Institutions; While we need them

I feel that they are far more pleasing in the sight of God, than the rest of us, and rejoice that He receives such willing little victims from our tiny community.

Some change came over me during the last of January and my health is very well. I believe that I must sincerely thank you for your good prayers and pleadings, in this regard. I now feel as well as I did ten years ago; please thank God for me.

Be assured of our prayers and sacrifices for you especially, and for your intentions.

Gratefully yours in Mary  
Mother Celine Teresa



Carmelite Sisters of St. Therese

Villa Teresa

1300 Classen Drive

Oklahoma City 3, Oklahoma

while she seems to most anxious to work for God in religious life, I feel that, since she has been a convert only for three years, it might be well to wait.

I am in Memphis, on my way home, having been in St. Louis to see our sister Louella, a sweet and humble religious, who is mentally ill. Two of her sisters, also in our community, are in Catholic Institutions. While we need them



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Gratefully yours in Mary  
Mother Celine Teresa

J. M. + J. J.  
Carmel of St. Joseph.  
Easter 1954.

Pax Christi!

Dear Father,

A happy Easter to you and all  
your novices, especially the one  
in the chapel with the crucifix.  
And I only hope your Easter is as  
happy as mine. I have just  
come up stairs from the Mandatum.  
I was a candle bearer. Last evening  
I was given the first Lamentation,  
and Reverend Mother says I did  
very well, for a beginner. But when  
we put the candles out I wound  
up with two instead of one still  
lighted, and I still don't know  
how it happened.

The dark clouds seem to have  
vanished, thanks be to God, and  
I only hope and pray that they

stay away. Thank you for your scolding, which I certainly needed, but most of all I thank you for your prayers and those of your novices.

I have noticed that I am restless and ready to leave just about the time the Council is ready to vote on me. The next time they will vote will be around June 7<sup>th</sup>, and then again in August, just two months before my profession, so will you please pray for me especially at those times.

It doesn't seem possible that I have been here a year, and that I am half way through my novitiate. I am increasingly grateful to you for your help and your advice, without which I would not have entered here, much less been able to stay.

I remember last year you said that I was to be your Easter gift to Reverend Mother, and that you would have another one for her this year. I am wondering what happened to it. I hope I haven't been such a bad example that you were afraid to expose her to me!

It was so good to know that you were remembering me in your Mass at Christmas. Ruth and Jim wrote that you pray "very hard" for me. I know you do, and I thank you. I only hope I have not proved to be more of a burden than a help. All I can do to repay you is to offer

my poor prayers for you,  
and for your boys.

Faithfully, your daughter  
in Christ

Sister Mary. D. C.



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Sunday March 1954.

Dear Fr. Aloysius      Peace and Grace

I received your very kind letter on Wednesday as I was leaving Stethemani for home. It was very good to hear from you, and to be sure, I will certainly follow any and all the advice they gave at Stethemani. I am afraid that I am one of those persons who must learn things the hard way. But I hope this teaches me a lesson for life "Bonum michi quia humiliasti me... etc" Ps. 118.

How is your health Father? I trust that everyone made a profitable and fruitful retreat.

Fr. Urban advised me to go home, get a job and help my father, and eventually try to help my mother. He approved my idea of studying at night and trying to get in some Catholic college at <sup>their</sup> night school courses in Pittsburgh. I will go to Pittsburgh next week and see about a job as draftsman with some engineering company.

There can be real suffering involved in just being in the world, but we must try to pick up the

piece and start again<sup>+</sup> and as St. Paul says,  
"to push on to the things that are ahead."  
Man proposes but God disposes. All things  
are in his hands "ipsius enim sumus."

I am not certain as yet but there is a  
good possibility of my being drafted for two years  
but even that doesn't worry me now. I am resolved  
now to live by faith and abandonment, doing all I  
can of course but leaving myself and all  
plans and <sup>their</sup> results in God's hands.

Dear Father I'll send you the money  
in installments as I need some to live  
on in Pittsburgh for a little while. Could you  
please <sup>send</sup> that big box of books and drafting  
equipment that was under my bed in the  
dormitory as I need them to make a living  
for some time?

For all the sorrows and disappointments  
I have caused you and all the Claretians I  
beg your forgiveness and prayers. Fr Urban  
told me to write to the various new Benedictine foundations  
at Fildes, Wisconsin and Elmira, New York which I did.  
Everyone here has treated me very well and my father is  
is much better off than I had hoped. I'll close this  
brief note, begging your prayers and hoping to hear  
from you.

with love and gratitude

in Christ Most  
Charles Clark

P.S. I would greatly appreciate  
any advice on the way I can  
best serve God in your opinion.  
The Will of God for me.

J. M. J. J.  
M.

Notre Dame Convent,  
San Francisco 10, Calif.

March 14, '54.

Rev. Aloysius Ellacuria, C.M.F.

Dear Rev. Father,

It is so very, very long ago,  
since I heard from you, so I am writing  
today to inform you of some very consoling  
news, which I shall shortly relate.

First, our Sister Superior had an operation  
six weeks ago, and left us, temporarily, for  
several weeks at Saratoga to regain her lost  
strength, after a serious gall bladder operation.  
Since that time our letters are not opened, and  
I asked our Assistant if I might send you  
a sealed letter <sup>to you</sup>, and receive an answer in  
your sealed envelope, <sup>unopened</sup> and she said a  
heartily Yes. So be sure to write to me.

First my dear brother John is dead nearly eleven months, and on Apr. 18, Easter Sunday it will be one year. Please let us know if he is in heaven, or if he needs more prayers. The family are constantly having Masses said for him.

Now I am coming to the good news for you. My one cousin came to see me last Friday, and I told her that Theresa, my sister, had to pay thousands and thousands and thousands of dollars in Inheritance tax and I reminded her of her promise about our "Indian Boy". This is her answer, "This coming week, I am going to write a new Will, and put in more charities, and leave out some friends, I then gave her the paper in your own handwriting, with your name and address, and for what purpose the money should be used, so probably by the time you receive my letter, her new Will, will be made out. She has secured Masses for herself in advance, during her life, and said, she would do the same for me



during this coming week, because after her death, some one may try to break her Will, but I don't think so.

Some people will prefer losing the friendship of relatives, in order to get a little more money.!!

Now, dear Rev. Father, the Brother of one of our Sisters here, left your Novitiate at Christmas time and is going to Loyola. He came up to San Francisco with his family at Christmas time and told us not to send any more stamps, because they are not collecting them. I doubted it, and wrote and asked several in Los Angeles to find out if that is true, but received no answer, so the Sisters are sending them elsewhere.

I hope, dear Rev. Father, that you keep well, and why should you not - because you are just a mere boy yet, and I am over 75 years old. In November, I carelessly neglected a pore finger - infection set in - then an operation on the finger, and until three weeks ago, I could not write hardly, and just took care of my bandaged finger.



Now I can conveniently hold a pen, but  
am shaky about my writing.

Please pray particularly for Sister Marcella.  
She has a new Superior, who wants to put  
her in charge of the immense Third Floor of the  
Hospital. She told the Superior she would  
obey, but in three months, she would be a  
bed-ridden cripple, with her broken spine,  
but lately I am finding out, that they don't  
care, and belittle the sufferings of their  
Sisters, making them work just the same.  
Please do not repeat this, and destroy this  
letter, but Sr. Marcella is worrying about  
this contemplated change for several months.  
She is suffering very much from her back and  
spine. Please pray for her and me.

Now, dear Rev. Father, I shall close, sending  
my kindest regards, and asking you to remember  
us all in your holy prayers. Be sure to answer  
me, I am in the Immaculate Heart of Mary

Sincerely yours,

Sister Louise Nance, S.N.D.

Mar. 21st '54

Rev Father Alapine,

you were so kind in my husband's last illness and we have appreciated the Anniversary masses said for him.

We are again in trouble, my granddaughter, 17 months old was buried Tuesday after an illness of three months. We prayed and pleaded for her recovery but God wanted her more.

A friend from Chicago sent us a First Class relic of St Jude as a loan, it was pinned to the baby's gown, she started hemorrhaging and the nurses in their excitement forgot about the relic and it was lost in the laundry.

Sister Mureau informed me that I might be able thru the Claretian Fathers to replace it.

I know I am asking a great favor but I also know how much my friend prized the relic and we are very anxious to find another for her. Can you help us.

We will be happy to make a donation.

Yours very sincerely

Mrs. J. J. Quinn  
4471 Woodley Ave  
Encino Calif

St Paul Hospital  
Cheyenne, Wym-  
March 23, 1954

Dear Father Aloysius,

Many thanks for your greetings  
for the New Year and the Marian Year -  
As always it is so good to hear  
from you - a spiritual uplift -  
it is truly a wonderful thing this  
united of souls for and in one  
end - to grow closer to and to  
know - love our dear Lord more -

I am leaving here Thursday  
night for Billings, Montana to make  
my retreat - remembered me during  
these days - these special days  
of so many special blessings

and graces from God - pray that  
I may make the most of what  
will be mine - likewise you  
will be remembered in a  
special way - during the  
quiet and peace of the retreat -  
believe me I am ready for it -

The enclosed are for Masses  
for a special intention -

DePaul is coming into its  
own - we are running a hundred  
and over of patients - continue  
to pray for its success - particularly  
its spiritual success of the souls  
who come to us for help -

God bless you - Many love you -  
Sister Anne Joseph -



MOTHER HOUSE  
SISTERS OF CHARITY OF LEAVENWORTH  
XAVIER, KANSAS

March 29, 1954

Reverend and dear Father Aloysius,

I am enclosing some stipends, asking that you offer a tridium of Masses for the following intention if it be God's will.

A nephew of mine, who finished college last June, desires to become a priest. He did not have any latin during his college years, so this present year he has been working at night, and taking two courses in latin each semester. With one of the courses he has having some difficulty because of lack of sufficient time to prepare.

The boy had his college work with the Jesuits, so he wants, very much, to enter the order. Some years ago he had polio, which left his right hand somewhat affected, though I do not think in any essential extent. With his illness, and with having to work during all his school years, he has had a good many reasons for discouragement, but through all, he has persevered in his desire to become a priest.

Will you, then, Father offer this tridium of Masses that he may



have all the graces and helps needed to become a saintly priest of God, and if it is God's will, be accepted into the Jesuit Order, as he desires? I have been praying to Our Blessed Mother, very specially, during this, Her year, and also to Blessed Pius X. I ask you earnestly to join with me for this favor. The boy is a wonderfully fine boy, and will, I am convinced, go far in the spiritual life, with God's help.

I am also enclosing another stipend which I ask you to offer for three special intentions.

And, Father, you are continuing to keep our Tertians in your prayers? I am depending on you, too, to beg God to give me the needed help to give these young Sisters what I should.

I am happy that Sister M. Hypatia has the consolation of your blessings and prayers.

Personal good wishes to you, Father.

Gratefully yours in Our Lord,

*Sister M. Immaculata*

Sister M. Immaculata



466 East Mariposa Street \* Altadena, California \* Sycamore 4-6664

March 31st 1954

Father Aloysius Ellacuria  
Claretian Novitiate  
1119 Westchesterplace  
Los Angeles 19, California

Dear Father,

Baroness Guttenberg asked us to be sure and come and see you. .  
she also when she saw us in New York again remarked she hoped that we  
would get to know you and go to see you.

We are most anxious to have the children see you-and then go to confession. .  
there are 5 children and ourselves-Rita and myself -and I wonder if you would  
be home on Sunday afternoon. .or if that is very inconvenient if we could come  
on Monday around 5...then all the children are back from school. . .

I would like this to be our Easter Confession. .and we do have 3 little ones  
who are problems- so that it would be wonderful if they could just see you-  
have a little spiritual word. .

I know it is quite a privilege we are asking. .but we need that help. At the  
moment my cousin Rita has to see a surgeon-we dont know she has skin cancer  
on her face...but only tomorrow will we know how serious it is... There is so  
much work to be done. time is so short-and it is difficult to carry on spiritually-  
when. .the world around is so materialistic. 2 of our children have been with  
is 12 years- some 5 and 3 two. .we have tried to train them so that they in  
turn may become apostles to carry on the work so near and dear to the heart  
of His Holiness. . .

May we ask you if you could please phone us on Saturday. .we are home all  
day. .the number is Sycamore 4-6664...then we could arrange a rendez-vous  
that would suit you.

Sincerely and respectfully yours,

*Marieli Benziger*  
Marieli Benziger

I.H.M.

5515 Franklin Avenue  
Hollywood 28, California  
April 2, 1954

CONSCIENCE MATTER

The Reverend Aloysius Ellacuria, C.M.F.  
1119 Westchester Place  
Los Angeles, California

Dear Father Aloysius,

You will not remember me because it was almost a year ago when you heard my confession during retreat at our Mother House. At that time you did not give me permission to write to you for spiritual advice; but you did give me so much help then that I have presumed on your willingness to help me again. I have a firm belief that it is really not necessary for me to state my difficulties explicitly because a year ago you told me things you could not have known unless the Holy Spirit had given you special insight into my soul.

At the present time I am dreadfully discouraged because I don't think there is a place for me in religious life. I have just been told that I will be taken out of teaching after the end of this school year because I do not understand high school children. This is the fourth year I have taught and each mission has been a failure. My superiors tell me that, despite my good will, teaching makes me tense and injures my health. They are assigning me to a bookkeeping job under the supervision of an extremely domineering nun, and I dread the outcome because I have no aptitude for figures, and I'm sure I will fail again.

To top it off, a biography of Padre Serra which I spent three years writing and revising has been rejected by a publisher.

As a result of these repeated failures, I have begun to doubt that I belong here. I have fallen into lukewarmness and slothfulness. Because I'm an arthritic I have excused my neglect of duty; but my conscience tells me that, if I really loved God, I would not pamper my body so much.

I would like to know whether I would please God more if I gave up my intense desire to write. There is a lot of selfishness in this desire to write, and I may be altogether deceived into thinking I have any talent in that direction. I asked Reverend Mother whether I should throw away the manuscript, or revise it; and she told me to revise it inasmuch as I had begun it. So obedience answers this particular case. But after this, should I give it up? Would that be God's wish for me? Sometimes I wonder whether it may not be a device of the devil to fill me with a great desire to write, and then through repeated failures to discourage me so that I will not even do the minimum of my religious duties. Perhaps I fail because I have not developed my meditations.

During these past two weeks I have been battling strong temptations to leave the Community and to commit suicide. I did not wish to discuss this with Reverend Mother or my Superior because I do not believe they would <sup>have</sup> any sympathy or understanding. They would merely be angry and shocked.

Please pray for me and, if you are not too busy, will you please write and give me the spiritual help I so sorely need? Thank you, Father. I shall keep your intentions in my prayers.

Respectfully,

*Sister Mary Faith, I.H.M.*

Sister Mary Faith, I.H.M.



Carmelite Sisters of St. Therese

Villa Terese

1300 Classen Drive

Oklahoma City 2, Oklahoma

April 5, 1954

Praise be to Jesus and Mary

My dear kind Father,

I have never sufficiently thanked you for the very good health that has been my good fortune, since the latter part of January; and I feel that I owe much gratitude to you. Am



Friday, The Feast of our sorrowful Mother, a mass is being said for you by Fr. Elias, a Carmelite Father from California, who is Prior at the Church of The Little Flower.

So many older women have applied, after reading our advertisements, that it seems as if there must be work for them to do for God in some Congregation. And how many young women who have been divorced, but still anxious to work for God.

Do you think that Oblates would be feasible? I am still hoping that Miss Fuller and Donna will be able to enter in early fall.

And little Sister Teresa Margaret is feeling much better. However, there are temptations, but



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Sister seems to have much more strength. She knows of your prayers and as she says, a change has come over her. Father, you will never know the good which you have done for souls in Little Theresa's Community.

I contacted the priest, whom I thought, would be a most holy director, and I think you will smile, when I tell you that his advice was

the same as yours. The awareness of the presence of God within! And that was all! Since I am so self-willed and proud, it seems that a director is needed badly. Yet, God doesn't seem to think me deserving of one. His will is my pleasure.

May I thank you, once again, Father, and beg a little remembrance for my sisters and myself in your prayers on Holy Thursday.

May your Easter season be most joyous and holy!

your grateful child,

Mother Celine Teresa



Carmelite Sisters of St. Therese

Villa Teresa

1300 Classen Drive

Oklahoma City 3, Oklahoma

May 2, 1954

Praise be to Jesus and Mary  
My dear Father Alayncis,  
Since I have not heard from  
you, I feel that I may have offended you.  
Surely, you know, that this has not

been intentionally committed.

Please don't punish me by being silent; for your kind spiritual letters are my only earthly consolations.

Angie Fuller wrote of the great trial which God is allowing her to suffer. Perhaps it may last only for a short time. We are most anxious to receive her into our little family.

Be assured of my deep gratitude and prayers, my kind spiritual Father.

Sincerely yours in Christ,  
Mother Celine





## Benedictine Convent of Perpetual Adoration

Clyde, Missouri

May 8, 1954

Rev. Aloysius Ellacuria, C.M.F.  
 Claretian Fathers  
 1119 Westchester Place  
 Los Angeles, California

Reverend and esteemed Father,

Through the Immaculate Heart of Mary, may I humbly greet you and tell you how deeply touched I was to receive the beautiful plaque of your great Saint Anthony Mary Claret, which you so kindly gave to our Secretary General, Sister M. DePazzi, to present to me with your kind greetings and the assurance of your prayers.

I wish to thank you most sincerely for your great kindness to the two Sisters who had the privilege of a visit with you in Los Angeles a few weeks ago. Although they have already thanked you for your precious gifts and especially for your holy blessing and prayers, our gratitude for your kindness and charity will live on and on in our hearts and in our prayers.

At every hour of the day and night, you and your priestly intentions, will be recommended to the Eternal High Priest in all our Sanctuaries of Perpetual Adoration. We pray much for priests and at each hour the adorers in the Sanctuary recite a very beautiful prayer for the sanctification of priests, so we hope it will be a source of consolation and joy for you to know that from now on you will always share in our unceasing prayers before the Most Blessed Sacrament.

Kindly accept the enclosed check for \$50.00 as an alms to help the Claretian Fathers in their Missionary Work. We know you have many needs, and we are very happy to be of a little help to you.

Reverend Father, may I humbly ask if it would be possible for you to send me about six of those special Crucifixes, such as you gave to the Sisters, containing a relic of Saint Anthony Mary Claret and the Medals? We have such confidence in this great Saint, and since he has cured cancer patients, we would be so grateful for some of these Crucifixes, blessed by you.

We hope it will be possible for you to accept Sr. M. Clotilda's invitation to her Golden Jubilee Celebration on June 8th, Reverend Father. We would be so happy to welcome you to our Motherhouse and to our Sanctuary of Perpetual Adoration. Humbly kneeling for your holy Blessing, I remain,

Very gratefully and reverently in Jesu Hostia,

*Mother M. Carmelita, A.B.*

*6 second  
 class reliefs  
 (furnish the delay)*



466 East Mariposa Street \* Altadena, California \* Sycamore 4-6664

May 10th 1954

Dear Father Aloysius,

I am wondering if you will be free on Sunday the 30th. I would have my niece here and would like to bring in to see you... the 3 older girls... just to have you give them your blessing-and a few prayers in chapel....

I am so grateful to you for your help...

Dr. H. Sanders could not be seen- to see her assistant Dr. Williams meant long trips-which we had to postpone... in the meanwhile.. Rita continued her radium-and things went worse.. now all of a sudden she is healed-and we know it is prayer that has done it... so we want to thank you as well... The 2 Catholic doctors on the case are very pleased... and we so grateful to God for it all..

The little ones were also settled. That was our greatest worry. The Dominican nuns at Flintridge suggested a Dominican school in San Francisco... and... we took the little ones there.. the same German nuns run it.. and they are getting the best religious training-are happy and have the discipline they need. The German nuns understand their mentality-it gives us a breather and we are all happy-all the way round.

I will have on the 30th a young lady-who is uncertain as to whether or not she should marry a young man-she met 2 years ago in Europe. He is 24 -she is 26. He is poor.. the day she marries she gets an income yearly of \$8,000.

I don't know him.. he has come to Canada as a refugee.

It is important.. as much depends .. on this meeting.. which I shall try to arrange. Yet.. I want it to be something... that God wants.. for both..

He comes from a religious family-his mother goes to daily Mass.. he has fallen away from his religion.. he being younger than the girl-who has suffered much from parents who have not wanted her... She has lived with me .. and is attending the University..

May I ask of you to please ask St. Joseph to take things into his hands. If God wills this union... to arrange everything- and let the two find themselves.. if God has other intentions... He will have to make them manifest.

The money.. income of \$8,000 was given by the grandfather of this person- just because he wanted to aid young-poor -worthy Catholics who could otherwise not think of marriage...

Then we have the child of 18 Sophie-who is ignorant-who as a Yugoslav peasant has been to 34 D.P. camps in 9 years.. She is at Flintridge-and I feel fighting a vocation.. Again... I think .. by her meeting you again.. and a little talk to all 4 girls.. will be a help... I feel we get so little spiritual assistance.. and sometimes a word spoken can go so far.



4-9577

466 East Mariposa Street \* Altadena, California \* Sycamore ~~x666x~~

I know how very busy you are dear Father-and so hesitate to impose.

Marie Louise Willimann will be here only next week- Sunday the 16th and again on Sunday the 30th...and we can arrange to see you morning or afternoon.. the telephone is..Sycamore 4-9577.

Gratefully and respectfully yours,

*Marie Louise Willimann*

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May 24th, 1954

Dear Father Aloysius:

I am enclosing our check for \$30.00 for Masses for the following deceased:

Deceased  
Miss Alice Coakley

Please notify  
Mrs. Walter Murphy (sister)  
10 N. Raphael Drive  
Pasadena, California.

Mr. Joseph Hourigan

Mrs Joseph Hourigan (widow)  
18015 Mark Twain Avenue  
Detroit 21 Michigan

Mr. John J. Hutchinson

Mrs. Lemuel Bancroft (daughter)  
316 N. Rossmore Avenue  
Los Angeles, 4, California.

Father, I will leave it to your judgement whether these are to be High Masses or Low Masses.

It is my understanding that you will send notes or cards notifying relatives that Mr and Mrs Henry L. Clark have requested the above masses.

Thank you very much for your kindness in this matter; from now on I will send my Mass intentions to you.

Henry and I plan to leave this coming Saturday for Colorado Springs for a three weeks vacation - it seems we are each in need of rest. On my return I hope to find a good housekeeper to assist me with the running of our home. Will you please pray that I do, so that I will have the health to work harder in the St. Anthony Claret Guild as well as continuing in my St. Anne's work?

Sincerely,

*Helen L. Clark*



Anaheim, Calif  
May 26 - 54

Clarician Noviciate  
1119 Westchester Pl.  
Los Angeles, Calif.

Dear Fr Aloysius:

Will you please  
pray for Wreatha Rosalind  
Baker, Bella Vista  
Shasta County, Calif.

She is a mother  
of four small children  
and is losing her mind.  
She is in the hospital  
now.

What can I do for  
her. Any advise will  
be appreciated.



I am a working  
mother and have not  
been able to see you  
since that day at  
the picnic of the  
Guild. You remember  
Mrs Callan brought  
me.

5 I would not do  
anything to give you  
publicity in as much  
as you asked that  
we not do so.

I have been hearing  
of the miraculous healings  
credited to your prayers.

Some of my friends  
and myself would  
like to dedicate our

time and efforts to  
your Noviciate.

I heard that they had  
closed the membership.

Can you enlighten me  
on the subject?

May God Bless  
you father for the  
wonders you have wrought

Sincerely

Mrs Peter Palm

Santa Ana, Calif  
May 27 1954

Rev Aloysius  
Los Angeles, Calif.

Dear Father:- I am very  
happy to tell you I have  
not had any more pain  
and my hand has improved  
so much. It does not  
look so irritated.

Father I cannot tell you  
how happy I am.

I shall always remember  
St Anthony Mary Claret, and  
sure am spreading the devotion  
Father will see you Monday  
at 3:30.

Humbly yours  
Fina M Black

+ 102 Boas St  
Harrisburg, Pa

May 27, 1954  
Feast of the Ascension

Dear Fr Aloysius,

Received your most welcome letter last week. It was very good to hear from you and to know your views. I immediately informed Fr. Urban at Gethsemani of your letter, but as yet have received no reply. Please pray earnestly for me that I do what is the will of God. It seems that I left myself get too discouraged for one thing by the doctors and the Fathers at Villanova U. There is much work to be done, I see it more every day.

One life to live, and very much to do, Please forgive me for all the trouble and disappointment I have caused you. My eighteen year old sister

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is coming to Harrisburg to work as a typist in the latter part of June. Please pray for her. Fr. Metz my adviser is now in Europe for 5 weeks. I am a very stubborn person father, but slowly I am beginning to learn certain things.

I will work on your advice on entering a Diocesan Seminary. Pray that the physical exam. proves no difficulty. I am very grateful to you and the novices. I hope to hear from Fr. Urban. within the week. I have seen much since I have out, it has been a painful lesson, yet now I realize that there ~~are~~ <sup>are</sup> immense amounts of work ~~that must be~~ to be done for God and souls in the present day, and that a priest and religious in the world must spend himself in bringing others to God. The priesthood is a social sacrament. Of course I "knew" that before but I didn't "realize" it. I had been too "ego-centric." Enclosed is a money order for \$25.00. I believe this is the final payment of the loan.

Thank you for everything.

In Cordis Matris.

Charles W. Clark.





our lady of gethsemani



TRAPPIST-CISTERCIAN ABBEY  
TRAPPIST, KENTUCKY

June 1, 1954

Dear Father Aloysius,

May the Holy Ghost fill you with all His gifts in abundance!

Charles Clark wrote to me again recently about the question of his vocation, telling me that he had consulted you also, and what your advice had been. At Charles' request, I showed his letter to the Father here who had been his confessor, and talked the matter over with him. I have since written to Charles telling him that he definitely does not have a vocation to cloistered life like ours, and that he probably doesn't have a vocation to any form of religious life. This leaves the alternative of marrying or trying for the secular priesthood. For the settlement of this question I have advised him to take his time, pray, and follow the counsel of the confessor in whom he seems to have considerable confidence - Father Metz. I feel sure that if we all pray, Charles will reach the right decision, whatever it might be.

Edward McCabe seems settled in his vocation and eager for profession. I certainly hope that he makes a good priest and a good Claretian, as I feel confident he will.

Father, my health is some better and I have gained marvelously in interior strength and courage. I am sure your prayers have helped to this, so please do not let them up.

With all good wishes,

Sincerely in the Holy Spirit,

*F. M. Urban, c. c. s. c.*

Notre Dame,  
San Francisco 10 Calif.  
June 4, '54.

Rev. Father Aloysius Ella curia.

Dear Rev. Father,

My sister, dear Sister Fina, came up to San Francisco last Friday, to attend the jubilee of four Sisters, and naturally, when she came to see me, our conversation first turned to you, my dear Father Aloysius.

Since June 21st, your Feast-day and mine also, comes during my Retreat, I am writing today to offer you my prayerful Good Wishes for all the joys and happiness, that our dear Blessed Mother and St. Aloysius can give you on this day, and may you have many returns of the same.

I felt very sorry to hear that you might be changed from D. A., but I hope the rumor is not true.

Sister Fina brought me the article in the paper about the ground-breaking for your new Scholasticate, and the big dinner accompanying it. I sincerely hope that both were very successful.

So you have been quite sick again lately, which I regretted very much to hear, and I trust and pray that you have entirely recovered.

Mrs. Morgan sent me that lovely medal of St. Antony Claret, and I thank you so much for it. I shall start a novena to him, that you will not be changed. Let us see how powerful he is with our dear Lord.

Should you be removed, I asked dear Sister Fina to send me your new address.

Dear Rev. Father, I just had to tell Sister Fina of the wonderful news about educating Our Indian Boy for the

Priesthood, but I kept the secret about the name of the Lady, who is doing it, - so please keep the name secret. She asked me, how I was so lucky about finding a person to do it, - and I said: oh! "somebody's Mother was glad to do it, and then I changed the subject. It makes me so happy to know that I will be rewarded for another Priest. Papa and Mama put two Benedictines through to Ordination, and I am sure Sister Fina will get Theresa to do the same later on.

I am still trying to get another big collection of Stamps for you. It is too bad that the boy told Sister that they did not want any more stamps, so Sister sent them to the Jesuits. If the Boys at Compton would send Sister Regina of the S. H. another list, she would be glad to save them for Compton.

A priest told me this Hospital joke last week. He then said: "Now I am not swearing." A man visited his sick friend, who had become a Catholic in the Hospital, and he said: "What in hell did you become a Catholic for". Answer: "What's in hell made me become a Catholic".

Our school closes on Sunday the 13<sup>th</sup> and we, the Sisters, go into Retreat on Monday evening at 7:15 and come out on Wednesday morning the 23<sup>rd</sup>, so I know you will remember me in your holy prayers. Theresa is going to Oregon to attend the wedding of my cousin, and from there she is going traveling all over, and going every place she had ever thought of, now that every thing is settled about John and his affairs, and she has nothing to think about, so I know you will pray for her that she will come home safe. She is taking a dear lady friend with her, as companion. She is going to Canada, and I would not be surprised if she goes to Los Angeles on her way back, because she has all the Time and Money that she can ever use.

Now, dear Rev. Father, I shall close, renewing my <sup>prayerful</sup> best wishes for a Holy Happy Feast. Thanking you for the medal and your holy prayers, I am in the Immaculate Heart of Mary,

Sincerely yours, Sister Louise Marie. S. N. D.

## ANNUAL REPORT ON MINISTRIES

COMMUNITY \_\_\_\_\_

YEAR \_\_\_\_\_

DIOCESE \_\_\_\_\_

Retreats: {  
for Priests: \_\_\_\_\_  
for Religious: \_\_\_\_\_  
for the Laity: \_\_\_\_\_  
Closed Retreats: \_\_\_\_\_  
Total: \_\_\_\_\_

Catechism Centers: \_\_\_\_\_

Average Attendance: \_\_\_\_\_

Catechetical Conferences: \_\_\_\_\_

Confirmations: \_\_\_\_\_

Marriages: \_\_\_\_\_

Sick Calls: \_\_\_\_\_

Deaths: \_\_\_\_\_

Communions: {  
in our Church: \_\_\_\_\_  
in other Churches: \_\_\_\_\_  
Total: \_\_\_\_\_

Children: {  
Grammar School: \_\_\_\_\_  
High School: \_\_\_\_\_  
Total: \_\_\_\_\_

Lenten Courses: \_\_\_\_\_

Subscriptions to General  
Government Reviews: \_\_\_\_\_

Holy Weeks: \_\_\_\_\_

Subscriptions to Provincial  
Government Reviews: \_\_\_\_\_

Months: \_\_\_\_\_

Novenas and Septenaries: \_\_\_\_\_

Tridua: \_\_\_\_\_

Days of Recollection: \_\_\_\_\_

Sermons: \_\_\_\_\_

Homilies and Conferences: \_\_\_\_\_

Vocations: {  
Junior Seminary: \_\_\_\_\_  
Young Men: \_\_\_\_\_  
Priests: \_\_\_\_\_  
Brothers: \_\_\_\_\_  
Total: \_\_\_\_\_

DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

Superior

### REMARKS:

- a) This report should be returned to the Provincial Office before March 1st.
- b) A copy of the Annual Report sent to the Chancery Office should also be sent to the Provincial Office (V Prov. Chapt. Sess. 7).

J. M. J  
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4834 Cheryl Ave  
La Crescenta, Calif.  
June 7, 1954

Dear Fr. Director,

I have been on a weekend Retreat with the 3<sup>rd</sup> Order of Mt. Carmel from Friday night until Sunday night. Although I was ready to return home many times, I had to remain because of the dear ladies I took in my car.

This is the time I would like to lay bare my soul to you, dear Father, for many graces were given to me.

As you well know my many imperfections, I will not enumerate them. I had been reading the Autobiography



of the Little Flower, when suddenly I knew what is required of me. I must be so very little and give myself completely to Our Blessed Lord as a burning holocaust - a victim of love. I must be so little, clinging to my Blessed Mother, hiding in the folds of her mantle for protection - as I saw myself my years ago as I was kneeling at the communion rail: I was so little, barely reaching above the Blessed Mother's knee, and she taking me by the hand, led me up the stairs to in front of the Blessed Sacrament - I understood what great power she had with her Son.

Now that I know what I must be, I must learn how

to reach it. When I arrived home from the Retreat, I begged Our Lord, the Blessed Mother and the Little Flower to help me and show me the way. Then I knew they were going to hold a consultation —

Dear Father Aloysius, pray for me that I do not fail them when I am severely tried — that I run as a deserter when I am unable to control myself. I would rather die than offend Our Lord, yet I do offend him so often. How merciful He is to me, for each time I am sorry he forgives and forgets.

Dear Father, I have failed you again when I tried so hard to make the Maternal Heart of Mary Guild and its

heads what they should be. Perhaps I tried too hard. Never have I spoken more gently to anyone than I did to Stephanie, to Mrs. De Salzeni, I spoke in a different tone, yet not rudely. It was hard to make her understand also, for she kept accusing me of saying Stephanie wasn't spiritual. When I finished speaking with her I walked over the room as if washing my hands of the whole thing, as it was so distasteful.

I have been asked by Margaret I ling to never go to the Guild again or to take any of my ladies - never to call or ever say a word to them again, for if I did Stephanie would drop the Guild. I do not want to cause you any

trouble, so I will do as she says unless you advise me otherwise. Although it would be about the hardest thing I ever would have to do, if you want me there, Father, even though they would order me out, I would go to support you.

You and all your Guilds, as well as your boys, are always in my prayers.

Please pray for me, dear Father.

I am not the least unhappy for I have done what I thought was right. Let them say what they please, I shall always pray for them and wish them the highest sanctity.

Sincerely yours in the Heart of  
the Blessed Mother,  
Alta

DE PAUL HOSPITAL  
2600 EAST EIGHTEENTH STREET  
CHEYENNE, WYOMING

June 10, 1954

Dear Father Aloysius,

Sister Leo Catherine has been with me since May 29. She said she was not well while she was in California. She had hoped that her trip to Saint John's would rest her sufficiently to carry on her duties, but when she returned to St. Vincent's in Billings, the doctor said she needed a complete rest and for at least six weeks. Mother Mary Ancilla said for her to come here. Since it was my privilege to take care of Sister during her illness in California, Mother thought I would understand her exhaustion and need for rest, which I do.

I know that Sister Leo Catherine would write you a letter but she was so completely exhausted when she arrived that she has only written a note to Sister Mary Charitina who is her assistant and one to her own dear mother. She asked me to send you the enclosed Mass offerings and asked you to offer Mass for her, the Sisters of her household, and for the Sisters here at De Paul. I told Sister Leo Catherine I thought perhaps our Lord was giving her this extra time for rest that she might have more time to think of Him, to draw closer to His Sacred Heart, and to become more resigned to His Will whether it be good or ill health. Sister does accept suffering heroically for I have seen both her and Sister Frances Eileen go through agonies of pain with no complaint.

Would you also offer Mass for Sister Hypatia's intentions? I hear that her sufferings are great. I am always pleased to hear that you have visited her.

Thank you for the two crucifixes that Sister Rose Veronica brought me. I am enclosing an offering for them. Thank you for your prayers for De Paul. Our number of patients has increased. Not that we want anyone to be ill, but we would like for the ones who are ill to come to us.

Also, please offer Mass for Sister Ann Leonard. She returned to the Mother House last month and is not at all well.

May the Holy Spirit give you an ever increase in his gifts during this Holy Season of Pentecost.

Sincerely yours in the Heart of Christ,

*Sister Ann Raymond*

*Novena of Masses  
by Emma  
highly for  
Feast  
of  
Sacred  
Heart*



J. M. J.

Saint Joseph Hospital

Denver Colorado

June 14, 1954

Reverend and dear Father Clayton,

Sister Mary David called me last night  
to tell me Our dear Lord had taken  
our dear Sister Mary Hyacinth to her  
Eternal Home.

I feel that she had paid her debt,  
and some for the rest of us, but I  
hasten to ask you to offer  
three Masses for her soul. May  
Jesus take her to His Sacred Heart  
for all eternity -

Sister Mary David told me how  
kind you have been to Sister Hyppatia  
May God bless you. She was one of  
my best friends -

I am in Denver this week attending  
an Institute in Hospital Administration  
I had a long talk with Sister John Marie  
last evening. She asked me to explain  
"abandonement" to her. I did. but I  
know you could explain the virtue  
so much better. If you have time to  
write to her -

May The Sacred Heart bless you  
very specially during the Novena.  
Sincerely, Sister Ann Raymond



Carmelite Sisters of St. Therese

Villa Teresa

1300 Classen Drive

Oklahoma City 3, Oklahoma

June 16, 1954

Praise be to Jesus and Mary

Reverend and dear Father Aloysius,

Please accept my sincere and fond feast  
day wishes; and in the same breath I ask your  
pardon for any disappointment that I have  
caused you.

Our chaplain will say Holy Mass for you on your feast day and all the sisters at the Motherhouse will offer all their prayers and works for you on this day. Please, dear Father, be assured of my deep and lasting gratitude.

I have often thought of Elizabeth McKee and still think it better to wait. I shall write to her soon.

You will be happy to learn that Donna Blackman and her father and mother will pass through Oklahoma and visit Villa Teresa on the 25th or 26th of June. If it is God's holy will, I earnestly desire that she may enter. I have asked St. Joseph for ten candidates, if it be pleasing to God.

Our Petrus was given by Father Parnick from Loyola University, Los Angeles. After you he is the most holy priest that I have ever met. He disappears



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when he preaches, and only the Man Christ, is to be seen and heard. God was very good to us in allowing us to participate in such heavenly conferences.

I thought of you often, during our Retreat and only hope that one day, you may aid us on to a great love of God.

Tomorrow, is the Feast of Corpus Christi and



we hope to please and honor our dear Lord by a procession and outside Benedictions. We are thirteen out in the midst of the woods of Harrah, enjoying a vacation, before returning to study. Only the birds break the beautiful stillness and one may be alone with Christ, in perfect bliss.

St. Aloysius is indeed a most powerful saint. Fr. Parrish wears his relic (a piece of his bone) and the exquisite odor which came from it, I shall never forget. May your great saint Aloysius strengthen you and may you recommend me to him that I may be detached from self. That God may work in me, for the good of my dear little sisters.

You are in my prayers, daily. *Truly yours Christ  
Mother Celine*

SAINT JOHN'S HOSPITAL

SISTERS OF CHARITY

TWENTY-SECOND AT SANTA MONICA BOULEVARD

SANTA MONICA, CALIFORNIA

June 19, 1954

Dear Father Aloysius,

We are most grateful for the Masses and prayers you have offered for our dear Sister Mary Hypatia. You helped her so much in her last illness. I am sure our Lord loves you dearly for the help that you give to so many souls to love Him more perfectly.

Enclosed is an offering for the reliquary crucifixes.

Sincerely,

Sister Mary David

ST. MARY'S HOSPITAL  
192 SOUTH FIFTH AVENUE  
KANKAKEE, ILLINOIS

June 20, 1954

Rev. Aloysius Ellacuria, C.M.F.  
Claretian Missionaries  
1119 Westchester Pl.  
Los Angeles 19, California.

Reverend and dear Father:

Many thanks for your kindness in saying the Gregorian Masses for my dear brother. Enclosed you will find a check for \$35.00, thirty of which are for the Gregorian Masses and five dollars for a High Mass.

Thank you also for your kind encouragement. I shall indeed miss my brother as since last October when I was operated, he seldom missed a week without coming to see me. I rejoice at the thought that it may not be too many years before I shall join him, as the Doctors have told me I have a cancer, and nothing much can be done for me. It grieved Father much because I was ill, and he preferred to see me up and around than when I would be obliged to remain in bed. Our Lord, knowing this decided, I believe, to take him before I had to be bed ridden, so may His Holy Will be done.

I shall be mindful of you in my prayers, and trust that you will remember me also, that when my turn arrives, I shall be prepared.

Respectfully yours in Mary's Heart,

*Sister St. Claire*

DE PAUL HOSPITAL  
2600 EAST EIGHTEENTH STREET  
CHEYENNE, WYOMING

June 23, 1954

Reverend and dear Father Aloysius,

Thank you for your kind letter telling me of Sister Hypatia's death. I agree with you that we have one who will intercede for us at the throne of God. Her big generous heart will know no bounds when it comes to petitioning our Lord for her friends on earth.

Sister Mary David told me what good care you took of her soul. Knowing how difficult it is for you to make a trip to Saint John's, we appreciate your efforts. Your visits were a great blessing to her.

I appreciate your offering a Novena of Masses at Miss Quigley's request during these precious days between Corpus Christi and the Feast of the Sacred Heart. I have included her intentions and yours, including many others.

Sister Leo Catherine is responding to rest. She told me that she wrote to you today. I know that your reply will mean much to her.

Thank you for your remembrance of me and my responsibilities at De Paul and I assure you of a remembrance in my prayers.

Sincerely yours in the Sacred Heart,

*Sister Ann Raymond*



Bilbao 36-6-54

R. P. Aloysius Ellacuria C. M. F.  
Los Angeles

Querido tío:

Tantas cosas tengo que decirte que no se por donde empezar. En primer lugar, estamos todos bien y trabajando como de costumbre bastante. Hacía mucho tiempo que no te escribía tío, quizá porque me desanimaba pensar en la falta de respuesta de tu parte. La me hago cargo que en la complejidad de tu trabajo y en la indole del mismo yo soy una nada, pero soy tan egoísta y te quiero tanto que al menos de vez en cuando me gustaría que pudieses contestarme, como antes en alguna ocasión lo hacías. Otra vez casi he conseguido unas relaciones de viaje y te digo casi porque aún no se han formalizado. Sería una gran suerte para mí que así fuese. El chico es marino tiene el título de capitán de la marina mercante, pero navega en el Cabo de Hornos con el de primer sobrecargo, es muy trabajador y tiene un gran porvenir además es de una familia bilbaína buenisima a la que conozco desde 1924 mi Director Espiritual y de la que no tiene adjetivo para ponderarles. Todo son de una formación católica poco corriente, y muy bien situada y añado que ya te gustaría que yo tuviese ya una suerte definitiva con este chico. Si las cosas se arreglase así con Joaquín (así se llama) es posible que te hiciese una visita, te he hablado mucho de ti.



te haya ofendido, perdóname con toda humildad te lo pido.

Mi hermano que tenía novia y pensaba casarse este mes de Mayo, se romió y la cosa quedó en nada. Casi parecía que en él se repitiese mi historia. Ahora trabaja en unas representaciones, de una forma lutsensiva pero que le ~~sea~~ compensa da materialmente. De momento ha quedado tan desengañado de las chicas que no quiere saber nada de ellas.

Papa y mamá ahora bien, el primero tuvo el año pasado un arrechucho que le duró desde septiembre del 53 hasta finales de este Enero, fue una infección enorme de riñones y próstata pero ya salió hacia adelante. Ha via trabajando muchísimo y con bastante más salud que el año pasado. Descansa algo más que en otras ocasiones pero es demasiado el cargo que tiene para todas sus debilidades.

Todos nosotros, como en alguna otra ocasión te dije estamos deseando de saber de ti directamente pero que sea la voluntad del Señor.

El tío Tosi (se ha marchado hoy de aquí) ha estado haciendo un Briduo al Corazón de Jesús en la Iglesia del Carmen, su oratoria ha mejorado de una forma notable y hoy por hoy es un predicador de primera magnitud. Precisamente yo hoy y ya de sohemera le decía que



Hooy siesta del Sagrado Corazon he pedido en mi Comunión para que todo esto convega a mi alma y para que pueda crear un hogar cristiano. Que nuestro Señor me ilumine y me dé gracia para mejorar y hacirme digna del título de esposa. No es nada fácil llevarlo en toda su responsabilidad pero con la ayuda de él se llega a ser fuerte. Te digo esto porque mis crisis espirituales han dado fin, ahora descanso en un Corazon que me tiene fondo y que de tanto amarme no puede nunca defraudar al que con sencillez va a mostrarte sus flaquezas y debilidades, expuestas nuestras faltas así, no tardamos enirlas despreciando al corresponder a ese amor que lo da todo y que pide tan poco.

Vio, volviendo a Joaquín tiene 39 años y al decirme que yo le gustaba por mi forma de ser, recta y juiciosa añadió que él no tenía tiempo que perder y que este viaje suyo (desde el 19 de Junio hasta el 25 de Agosto) sería una prueba que yo podría establecer para saber si yo le podría querer o no, que si así era íbamos a estar separados muy poco tiempo. Te voy a pedir con la misma confianza de siempre que pidas para que así sea, para que los dos lleguemos a comprometernos y a querernos y para que muy pronto pueda ser bendecida nuestra unión. Así estoy segura, ya antes te lo decía de que no recibiré contestación a esta carta, si has hecho una promesa no la rompas por mí. Si de lo contrario estás enfadado conmigo por que en alguna ocasión



alguien de las almas de la familia pide a  
Dios por nosotros por qué ~~son~~ <sup>son</sup> maravillosas las  
gracias que apreciamos de continuo todo  
nosotros. Está pidiendo por mí, de una for-  
ma intensa y con todo entusiasmo ya que  
dice que sería buena esta ocasión para mí  
y que si yo lo lograra, él podría ya sentirse  
tranquilo.

Bueno tío ya no te entretengo  
más, ya sabes lo que te pido, yo creo que es  
hora de que mi ~~la~~ vida se defina de una  
vez ya tengo casi los 26 años, pero bueno  
he pedido ~~que~~ Jesús que esto se aclare ahora  
que hazlo como tantas veces lo has hecho  
En ti pongo como ves mi confianza ya  
que tu por un lado y yo por otro (con mu-  
cha mejor potencia ya que soy muy poca cosa  
quiero decir tengo pocos méritos) Los dos va-  
mos a pedir y a haber gracias de la mis-  
ma fuente y después a esperar. La te con-  
taré como van mis cosas y las de la fa-  
milia. Recibe besos de mamá y papá  
de Tachi con el cariño de tu sobrino

Harry

J. M. J.

St. Mary's College  
Notre Dame, Ind.

June 24, 1954

Rev. A. Ellacuria

Dear Father,

Each day I'm grateful to God when I know you are remembering me in your Mass. It gives strength and consolation many times and I'm deeply grateful.

The enclosed offering is for two Masses for the Silver Jubilee of this year - as close

to August 15. as possible.  
May our Lady shower  
you with her love  
and blessings?

Gratefully in our Lady,  
Sister Mary Jane

P. S. The Novena book  
of St. Anselm's Closet has  
been used both for  
Novenas and meditation

L. M. J.



Dear Father Clogswis:-

You've helped so so much for  
my daughter Janet when she  
needed it so badly and father  
we still need help so I'm  
asking you again for prayers.  
The leg healed over then in July  
the infection broke loose again  
and the Drs seem to be doing  
all they can but that's not enough  
it still keeps breaking out now  
they have decided to operate again  
in two weeks if there isn't a  
change by then, and with no  
idea that they can find the  
trouble then. She's been so  
brave thro all this trouble  
but the news to-day was quite

a shock to her.

We've never stopped our Novenas  
and prayers for her but look like  
we need more help from you.

I'm also sending you the name  
of a friend of ours that is  
very bad in a Swtells hospital  
with cancer he isn't a Catholic  
but asked for a Relic and a  
Novena book so if you could  
spare some prayers for him I  
gave him both "they would be  
very much appreciated"

I'm sending a \$2 little donation  
for you to do with as you  
see fit.

Thanking you for all your  
prays. Mrs Oscar F Sargent.  
2300 - 0 St  
Bakersfield

from Sister Ann, Sakerston, told us  
the good news about Janet that she  
was released.

Boston, Mass.

3/10 - Pamela Dr.

My dear Mrs. Janet O'Brien

My dear Mrs. Janet O'Brien

Dear Father Flanagan,

I have been trying to write to you for some time but I just can't seem to find any better words to express my gratitude than thank you. I know it was through your prayers and the relic of Saint Anthony Claret that you sent to me with my aunt, Helen Sackerson that saved my leg and my life.

I really don't understand why I should be granted any special help when I have done nothing at all to deserve it. There are so many sick and dying people in the world who are worthy of help and don't get it.

I feel presumption and even guilty to think that Saint Anthony would bother to interest with God for me

I hope you will understand when I tell you I have not joined with my Mother and Aunt in telling people about St. Anthony and what he did for me. I feel that in doing so it would give them the impression I was deserving of such help and I'm not.

On the other hand I feel it wrong to deprive others of his help by not telling them. As you can see it is very confusing to me and I wonder if it would be



possible to talk to you  
about it sometime

I am very interested in  
learning more about St.  
Anthony. If there are any  
books available I would  
like to know the title  
and how to go about  
obtaining them.

I wonder if it would  
be possible to have  
another relic? I took  
mine off my leg when I  
was able to be up so it  
wouldn't get dirty or lost.  
I put it in the Bible for  
safe keeping but it has  
disappeared. I can't  
imagine what could  
have happened to it.  
but I feel lost with-  
out it. If you

ever

J. m. f.

380 South Batavia  
Orange, Calif.  
July 18, 1954

Dear Father,

I wanted to thank  
you for the beautiful  
plaque and your many  
kindnesses to us. it was  
a great privilege to care for

our mutual friend. I feel  
sure that now more than  
ever she is praying for  
you & your boys.

August 15<sup>th</sup> we make our  
final vows - Charlie &  
Bernadette are coming for  
the 'great' occasion. It would  
be wonderful if you could  
come too, Father; - however I  
beg your prayers -

And bless you in your great work.

Yours in Mary Immaculate  
Sister Sr. John C.S.J.



could send one I would  
appreciate it very much

yours sincerely

Janet Oldham

5:30  
5:00

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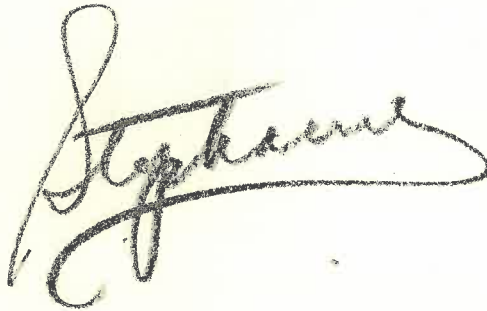
Dear Margaret:

Please see that no one knows of this letter except Father Aloysius as I have said some rather personal things in it and he may not want it to be seen.

As to our next luncheon engagement, how about next week sometime. Except for Friday, unless something unexpected comes up, any day is alright.

God bless you for all the trouble you are going to for us, I know HE will reward you for it.

Hastily yours,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Stephen". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large loop at the end.





KINDLE IN US THE FIRE OF  
THY LOVE

August 1, 1954

Reverend A. Ellacuria, C.M.F.

Reverend dear Father,

You were kind indeed to take time and write to me. Your letter was a comfort to my soul; sincerest thanks, dear Father.

I had been hoping that you would bring your novices to the School before my going North, but, most likely, this won't be. God willing, I'll board the Daylight next Thursday morning to arrive at the Motherhouse that evening to start the retreat. Coming August 15th will be the 25th Anniversary of my Profession, so you see, Father, why I want to make this year's retreat a real turning to my God - 25 years laden with precious graces-and how I have wasted them... So, won't you help me with a special memento in your good prayers, at the Altar, dear Father, during these coming days? Somehow you came into my life unexpectedly-and through you God has enkindled burning desires in my soul to really live my consecration to Him-which I have not done in the past. Nunc Coepi! Knowing a little my utter weakness, I realize that I have to throw myself on His Infinite Mercy completely. On the Feast of Our Mother's Assumption, I hope to renew my Vows into the hands of my own dear Mother Pius. I plead for your help, Father, so I may have the grace to make this consecration a Holocaust-to the exclusion of all of self. I do claim Mother as my own in a special way. She has had endless patience and forbearance with me and I have caused her much sorrow at times.

Father, may I put a question? Whatever your answer will be, I will take it as God's direct message to me. I should like to make during the coming retreat a General Confession of the past 25 years. As I told you, I have never had a spiritual director as such,

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but at various times Confessors have commanded me not to go back over certain matters. For several years, I was very miserable and much disturbed about (about) matters of purity for one thing. Now I think I could view the whole matter with a certain calmness and gratitude. The n I was in such a state that I could not know if and how far I had sinned grievously, but looking back over it all, I feel that perhaps that was the only way God could show me my utter weakness. I know that I now can understand and forgive any sins against purity in any of my sisters or in anyone else. And though I should have failed, I long with my whole heart and soul to give myself to Him with every fiber of my being. Our desires are His grace also. They are not sensible emotions-quite the contrary-but they give me courage that His Mercy has not made me an outcast-that despite past sins and failings and squandering of His grace, I may still reach out for sanctity. Father, perhaps this is all put rather confusedly. Please tell me-Shall I make this general confession as best as I can during the coming retreat or am I to abide by the commands of some of the retreat masters and confessors in the past?

From August 11th to August 22nd I shall be at the Dominican College at San Rafael to attend the Institute in Dominican Spirituality. I am very grateful to Mother that she is permitting me to attend the Institute though it coincides a few days with the retreat. I hope I will make good use of that precious time too. The 15th I hope to spend at the Motherhouse again. The two places are about 2 hours ride apart. I hope to return South on the 23rd. Should you like to bring your novices here while I am gone, you know they are always welcome. I shall miss seeing you, but Sr. Osanna, the new subprioress, will be here.

Now to another topic. You will be disappointed to hear that we had to let Mr. Troy go yesterday. The poor boy is to be pitied, but we couldn't keep him here as a steady employee. He needs the care of a good psychiatrist and perhaps also of a medical doctor.

Again, my sincerest thanks, dear Father, for the interest you have taken in this struggling sinner, and a plea for the help of your prayers. I shall be very happy to relate your message to Mother Pius.

Asking for your holy blessing,

Gratefully yours,

*Sister Mary Verona,  
S.P.*

Father, your letter most likely would not reach me here anymore. Please, address to

Dominican Convent

Mission San Jose, Calif.

Gratias!

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Octave Day of SS. Peter & Paul

Reverend A. Ellacuria, C.M. F.

Reverend dear Father:

It was a real privilege and a grace to have you with us yesterday. I do not know how to thank you. You were so very generous with your time - just giving of yourself - and you accepted not the least bit of hospitality - not the least comfort of anything. The next time, Father, you must not do that. Please, feel that the house is yours - and let us feel that you feel at home.

Father, may I explain - though, perhaps, it is not at all necessary. Perhaps, from the very start you

I am no more than a beginner in the spiritual life - despite my many years in religion. But: *Nunc coepi!* with His grace and your help.

Father, feel assured that your novices are ever welcome at St. Catherine's.

I am most grateful to you for your promise of prayer.

Respectfully and gratefully  
in Christ,

Sister Mary Verona, O.P.



I. V. I.

July 29, 1964.

Rev. Father Aloysius Ellacuria, C.M.F.

Dear Father Aloysius,

Some weeks ago I had notified Fr. Larrea, of my mother's death on June 27th. he told me that you knew and would be praying for her. I am enclosing a Mass stipend. Will you have time to offer a Mass for her soul? her name (Mary Elizabeth Brown) It is a long time since I have heard from you but have you last Christmas card here which is a lovely one with Saint Anthony M. Claret speaking with the Blessed Mother. Please dear Father, keep mother in your prayers. I feel that she is in heaven but we cannot be too sure. Trusting that you are real well I remember you so well when at our Sister Raphael's funeral. you were so tender-hearted and felt her loss so much. I am just now feeling a little better since mother left us. God is so good to let me care for her so long. I miss her so very much, but would not for the world wish her back to all those sufferings and longings for Heaven. *Please accept sincere thanks for*  
Pray for me.

*your most thoughtful remembrance.*

*May our Lord shower upon  
you His choicest blessings.*

Respectfully in the  
Immaculate Heart of Mary

*Sister M. Immaculate*

at least provide me a comfortable living which after  
all is all I desire from here on. If I can only take  
of myself and release my boys of the expense which neither  
of them can really afford, that is all I desire or hope  
for.

I do wish you would write me. I know how  
busy you always are but just a few lines would  
make me very happy.

Remember me to Mrs. Flood and the guild.  
I still pray for you every night in thanksgiving  
for your great kindness to Mae when she needed  
you most.

Sincerely your friend  
Joe

P.O. Box 1392  
Carmel, Cal.

P.S. - Father I still hope what some day I may  
be able to help you a little. You cannot  
know how I feel about it. But I still have  
hopes that I may make it up some day.

El Retiro San Inigo  
JESUIT RETREAT HOUSE  
LOS ALTOS, CALIFORNIA



Mrs. Xenia Anderson  
P. O. Box 855  
Lancaster,  
California

L. B. S.  
REV. FELIX A. ACQUISTAPACE, S. J.  
EL RETIRO SAN INIGO  
LOS ALTOS, CALIFORNIA

Aug 2, 53

Dear slave of Mary: SBL-LBS.  
a person like yourself.

with your experiences need to go  
very carefully & very humbly.

It is necessary and important to  
your spiritual life that you  
make little or nothing of  
the manifestations that come  
either from the good spirit  
or bad.

do not esteem these  
of any importance. They  
don't sanctify you in  
themselves. Sanctity  
is the result of faith.

hope & charity, and  
kindred virtues. There is  
no virtue in seeing the  
Trinity, or the abyss, or  
in being transported in  
rapture, or in vision of  
the unseen. And if there  
is no virtue, there is no merit.  
So do not place any value  
in these affairs, and realize  
that you would be better  
off without them. If  
these persist in coming  
to you unsought, or  
undesired, pay no  
attention to them, any  
more than you would  
to a fly that flies around



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your head. It is so easy  
for Satan to assume the  
figure of an angel of light,  
etc, in order to fill you  
with self-doubt & pride.

Even though the good angel  
visits you, be satisfied  
with faith, hope & charity.

Remember what Our  
Lord said to Thomas:  
"Because thou hast seen  
Thomas, thou hast believed,  
blessed are they who have  
not seen but have be-  
lieved."  
These unusual events

Should be rather a  
source of suffering to you  
than consolation. If they  
are not, then suspect them.

Mystic souls who are  
gifted with divine powers  
are as a rule victims,  
suffering for sinners,  
and making preparation  
for their wicked lives.

May God guide you,  
and may be a source of  
wisdom to you.

Truly in Mary  
J. H. Aguirre,  
Mary's slave.

J.M.J.

250 Second Street  
Idaho Falls, Idaho

Aug. 6, 1954

1119 Westchester Place

Los Angeles, Calif.

Dear Father,

No doubt you have been wondering what happened to the lady who came to see you the other day. We had quite a struggle but we managed to go to St. Joseph's. We not only went to Confession but likewise the one who saw you and the one who drove the car. The latter had been out of the Church for eight years and Miss Margaret for seven. It was a most wonderful experience. God's grace certainly distributed in abundance that day.

I saw Margaret after she and the other lady went to Communion. She was a new woman. In fact the lady who saw her come into her apartment asked her whether she had been engaged or married; there was such a transformation. Today, before I left, she came in and asked prayers for a lady who was to have an operation and had expressed the desire to learn about the Catholic faith. We certainly thank you for all your wonderful prayers.

*Gratefully,  
Sister Dorothy Mary*

Carmel - Aug 9 '54

Dear Father Aloysius -

I was sorry I did not get to see you on my last visit to Los Angeles. My time was short and I did not have a chance to get over the next day as I told Brother 4 would.

I guess I drove myself a little too hard the past year. After a few weeks rest after I came up here to stay I started to try to pick up the loose ends and get my bed business in shape to sell.

It was very difficult and discouraging work trying to do it from here but of course I had no choice.

<sup>now</sup> Improved rapidly, as I guess I have told you before, when I first came up here. In fact had regained my normal weight and felt good physically but three weeks ago without any previous indications I had a heart attack. The doctor says that it was probably caused more from worry and nervous exhaustion than from any physical weakness. So I have had to cease my work and be very quiet and it is very difficult. I wanted to visit you sooner but have not felt quite up to it as I am still quite weak but I do want to ask you to pray for me that I may recover and be able to avoid worry and mental strain which is so hard to do under the circumstances. And pray to Father that I may be able to make a contract now pending on my bed. It is nothing like I had ever figured on but I will

JM

4660 Harbord Drive  
Oakland, California

August 11, 1954

Dear Father Aloysius,

Our dear Lord has given me a new mission in Oakland and I want to ask your prayers and blessing on this work.

I regret that I did not see you before I left Santa Monica to thank you for your kindness to me, but I did not know about this appointment before I left.

Tonight I begin my retreat and I know you will pray for me that I may be pleasing to Our dear Lord. He has been so good to me!

I have tried to follow your advice, and in spite



of my many failings, God's love has been given to me in great abundance. Please thank Him for me. Whenever it is His will, He will give me another opportunity to speak to you about my soul.

Please pray for my dear old parents. Did I ever tell you that my mother returned to the Sacramento after fifty years away? My father is not a Catholic but he has accepted his long illness as God's will and I know he must be pleasing to Him.

My grateful prayers will always be yours.

Sincerely in Jesus and Mary.  
Sister Mary Dolara

J. M.

August 12, 1954

Reverend Aloysius Ellacuria, C.M.F.,  
My dear Father,

You have probably heard that I am no longer at Ramona Convent but now located at our college in Oakland. The change is a great relief from responsibility and a great grace. It does hurt a little to feel that I have failed in the work the Community asked me to do, but that is good for my soul and gives me a chance to share the experiences of my spouse.

Our retreat here was a powerful and strengthening one. Please ask our Blessed Lord that I may never forget the sentiments it produced in my soul.

In your charity will you please pray for the ailing members of my family. In my sister's home there is much suffering. My aged mother who is 85 is a great care. My nephew aged 16 is sick and doctors can do nothing for him. My dear niece is being sent home ill from the novitiate. Another has married out of the church. Will you please ask Our Blessed Lord and dearest Mary to help my sister in these afflictions. I have never been too worried about my family. Now I chide myself for not being prayerful on their behalf.

I know that there are many things worse than death for a boy of 16. I am only asking God to protect him and if he is to die, that his death may be a holy one.

As for me, I want to be sweetly

docile in God's hands to bring many souls to His knowledge and His grace. I read and pondered again during retreat the notes I wrote at your dictation. They are a great help to me.

I would have liked to have seen you before leaving for my new assignment, but it was not possible.

Thank you for all you have already done for me and please continue to pray for me. Our Sister Mary Luke also asks your prayers. She has previously desired to speak with you, but could not.

If you are ever in Oakland and would like to come to the College to say Mass or to visit, I would be very glad to welcome you.

Sincerely in Jesus and Mary,  
Sister Amelia Maria

Notre Dame Convent,  
San Francisco 10, Calif.  
August 17/54.

Rev. Father Aloysius Ellacuria.

Dear Rev. Father,

I have not heard from you in such a long time, that I am worrying about you. However, you are in my daily prayers, and I know I am in yours.

My heart is "acting up" again, and the Doctor says I have no High Blood Pressure and no kind of heart trouble except that it is "wearing out"; - and you can read the rest!

Now, if you have any special advice or message before I go to God, please write it and give it to dear Sister Finia to bring personally to me when she comes here in October, because all our letters are opened and read most carefully. Formerly our letters (to and) from Priests were given to us unopened, but now, every word is read, which makes it quite difficult for the Sisters!

I hope you blessed dear Sister Finia's



wrist:.. if you did, it will get well very soon. I spent one week's vacation at our Villa, or Old Ladies' Home, and I enjoyed every moment of the time. Now Sister Marcella is spending two weeks at their Summer Home - St. Francis Springs, so you see she has 2 to my 1.

I have not a whole set of stamps, but I am still collecting them for the Boys. I just wrote to Mrs. Davies, and asked her to find out from Joseph, if the boys still wanted them.

Please say just one "Hail Mary" for a very special intention of mine, and if it is granted, I shall inform you what it is.

My sister, Theresa, is very well, but it does take so long to fully recover from the shock of the sudden death, of a dearly-loved brother, who was always so good, and doubly good to her. Well, partings must come, sooner or later. Now dear Rev. Father Aloysius, I shall close promising to continue praying for you and again asking a slight remembrance in your prayers. I am in the Immaculate Heart of Mary,

Sincerely yours,

Sister Louise Marie. S.N.D.

JLL

August 19th, 1954

Dear Father Aloysius:

I am enclosing our check for \$40.00 for masses of deceased friends as follows:

Deceased

Christopher Byrne

Please Notify

✓ Mrs. Walter Muller (Daughter)  
131 S. Hudson Avenue L.A. 4, Calif.

William Gorman

✓ Mrs. James Fitzgerald (daughter)  
2618 Indiana Avenue - South Gate, Calif.

Mathilda McLaughlin

✓ Mrs. Richard St. John (daughter)  
12730 Sunset Blvd. L. A. 49 Calif.

Omar Boyd (Not Catholic)

✓ Mrs. Omar Boyd (wife)  
523 S. Plymouth Blvd., L. A. 5, Calif.

Father I hope I have made myself clear - the first three to be notified of these masses are daughters of the deceased.

It seems a long time since our little Guild has had a meeting. Undoubtedly Mrs. McBride has something planned for a September meeting.

Henry seems to have recovered from the bursitis but the last two days has been troubled with a crick in his back. He is such a silent sufferer and works so hard and seems not to be appreciated yet he goes steadily on with the thought that this is all in God's plan.

I have been very busy with sundry items. I have an add in the newspaper for a housekeeper. I just can't manage this household, take care of my outside duties and social obligations and still get my rest. I do hope so much the right person will be directed to us.

Thanking you for your kind and prompt attention to this matter of Masses, I am,

Sincerely yours,

*Helen Clark*

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J. M. J.

THE SISTERS OF THE HOLY CROSS

ROUTE 5, BOX 2277  
MODESTO, CALIFORNIA

August 22, 1954

Dear Father Aloysius,

I want to thank you for the visit I enjoyed with you the day I came with Sister M. Noël. Your kindness meant much to me and the prayers in honor of the Immaculate Heart of Mary I like very much. I have used the first prayer for meditation and will use it frequently.

The niece that I told you had from four to six months to live hasn't written since. I sent the relics and prayers. I trust all is well. Our Lady and her Divine Son know what is best for all concerned. If God so wills I

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know Rosena Vidar and also two others that are suffering will be completely cured through the prayers of St. Anthony Mary Claret. I am asking if such be the will of God for that grace for them on this beautiful feast of Our Lady.

I am very happy here on my new mission. Please pray for all of us that we may be fit instruments to spread the charity of Christ which will bring peace to all we contact.

May the love and protection of Our Lady be with you and all under your care.

Sincerely,

Sister M. Agnes Lucille C.S.C.



UNITED STATES AIR FORCE

Aug 31-54

Dear Brother Ring,  
Hoping that you are  
well as for me, thanks to God  
I'm well.

Sorry I had not written  
to you before but I have been  
very busy since I came to  
the air force.

The first day were very  
rough, it nothing like the novitate  
they don't know how to talk  
to people, they yell.

Please remember me  
in your prayer daily. Give  
my regards to Father Alayisus,  
Bassi, Provincial and Helena.

Write to me when you  
are able.

Always Judy.

my address  
over.



A/B Rudolph Duray.

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San Antonio, Texas

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J. M. J.  
ST. MARY'S HOSPITAL  
192 SOUTH FIFTH AVENUE  
KANKAKEE, ILLINOIS  
Sept. 7, 1954

Dear Father Aloysius, Where should I begin? I have neglected to write for so long - really it was not neglect but the days are too short to put in all that we plan.

Weren't you ever coming back to Illinois? There are so many things I would like to talk to you about - it would take too long to write all - I think it would turn out to be a book! my trip to Europe last year; my visit to Rome and audience with Pope through the great kindness of your good Father Eugene Herran! He took us out in his car and showed us many places that we never had seen without him. And your Immaculate Heart of Mary Shrine!

What a Christian Monument of Praise and Glory  
to our Heavenly Queen!! You Christians have  
reasons to be proud of your loyalty to Her. And  
your Novitiate in Terre Haute - 3 of our Sisters  
visited and say it is magnificent!!

Well I could go on and on but the purpose of  
this letter was to ask you to say 30 Gregorian  
Masses for Sister St. Cyrille, who died July 30<sup>th</sup>  
of a cancer.

Our little Sister M. Mediatrix is still at Dyer - the  
Mrs. think that her trouble is "having epilepsy" - At  
any rate we do suffer with her - please pray  
for her Father.

I am working spiritually on Immaculateness  
of Conscience. i.e. avoiding every wilful imperfec-  
tion. This is my Marian Year project. I started it  
Dec. 8, 1953 - to attain this I go to Confession  
twice a week. Perhaps you would like a copy  
of its full explanation? I shall enclose one.  
Do write if you find time. Deep in Mary's Immaculate Heart.  
Sister Rose Mary.

Los Angeles, California,  
September 20, 1954,

Dear Father Aloysius;

I am sorry I could not come to the last meeting of the St. Anthony Claret Guild. However I hope to attend the meetings the balance of the year.

Father, I am very much troubled with the mental and physical condition of our daughter. You will recall that I explained to you about her unhappy marriage, the divorce, etc.. As time goes on her happiness and bitterness seem to increase until her health is in danger. Will you please offer four masses for her, Mrs. Margaret Bolstad. Nothing but prayer can help her now.

I would also like to have four masses said for the repose of the soul of Sister Charlene Murray, I.H.M. who died several weeks ago. Will you kindly send a mass card to her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Edward Murray,  
4411 Victoria Park Place, Los Angeles 19.

Also, please offer four masses for the repose of the soul of Mr. Christopher Byrne and send mass card to his daughter, Mrs. Walter Muller, 131 South Hudson, Los Angeles 4,

Thank you very kindly, Father. And please remember our daughter in your prayers.

Sincerely,

*Agnes Rauen.*

Mrs. John B. Rauen  
515 South Windsor Blvd.,  
Los Angeles 5, Calif.,

EL RETIRO SAN INIGO  
JESUIT RETREAT HOUSE,  
LOS ALTOS, CALIF.



Mrs. Elmer Anderson  
Box 855  
Lancaster  
California



**EL RETIRO-SAN IDIGO**

**JESUIT RETREAT HOUSE**

**LOS ALTOS, CALIFORNIA**

September 24, 1952

Dear Mrs. Anderson: LBS.

From your letter &  
gather that you have made  
your act of Consecration as  
found in the Secret of  
Mary's journey. And  
that you now desire to  
join our LBS secret  
organization of souls.  
The enclosed leaflet  
will describe to you  
the meaning & practice  
of LBS.

I am sure that you  
will never regret taking  
up the secret of Mary,  
(and becoming Mary's  
slave. If I can keep  
you further, please let  
me know. Thank  
you for the money  
enclosed which will  
be used for further  
promotion of true  
Revolution -

Yours in Mary  
+ a blessing. Fr. F. A. Regis Tapoe J

Telephone Fitzroy 4131

QUEEN OF ANGELS HOSPITAL

2301 Bellevue Avenue  
Los Angeles, California

Thursday Sept 30 -

Rev and dear Father Aloysius,

Mrs Eckman was up to see Sr Marcella & Sr Louise - and Sr Louise sent down all of these valuable stamps for you to apply to her Indian Boys' account. Be sure - that after they are evaluated you will send her the account for some as you previously did on two occasions. If you did not write to her so far this will give you an opportunity. She is trying so hard to get stamps to apply for her students.

My arm is still far from well - I am going to San Francisco on Oct 8 - and if it is no better when I return I will surely be down

for another blessing. My lung cleared right  
up. God love you -

Must stop now as I know you are very  
busy. I go up to visit Father Jobet each  
day. He is improving nicely.

God love and bless you and thank you a  
million times for all your kindness to me and  
mine -

Gratefully yours

Sister M. Anna O.S.F.

**Dominican Convent  
Mission San Jose  
California**

*Muy felices Pascuas de Navidad.  
Que el Divino Niño le colme de sus gra-  
cias y le dé un Año Nuevo de 1954 lleno  
de paz y de gozo espiritual.*

*M. M. Pius, O.F.*



# St. James Hospital

Butte, Montana

October 3, 1954

Dear Father Aloysius:

Here I am away out on the mountains in Montana. This is my native state so it is home for me. I was so surprised on August 15th to receive this mission - Superior at St. James Hospital. I never thought our Mother would give me such a mission. It was a real shock. The advice you gave me the last time I saw you in California helped a lot - you said it was better to try and fail than not to try. So here I am and things seem to be going along quite well.

In fact I am amazed that all is so calm. Our Lord has showered His graces on me. I know I do not deserve all He gives but I am enjoying it just no end. I think He would want me to enjoy the nice things He does - don't you?

Father, I can never thank you enough for your kindness and understanding and your prayers. I just wish all religious could be as happy as I am. I never thought it could be possible to enjoy life so much. At times I get a little worried that I am enjoying things too much - then the thought that it is the devils work to make one unhappy cures the uneasiness. This feeling of security is wonderful - again I say our Lord is treating me so well.

I still find it hard to pray - no consolation at Mass or prayers - but that doesn't make me unhappy anymore. I wish I could pray as others seem to but that isn't for me as you have told me so many times. Feelings do not count.

All last year it seemed that I should learn more about abandonment - at first I couldn't understand it at all. Sister Ann Raymond was in Denver so I asked her all about it - Sister gave me a good understanding - which helps so much when one gets a mission like this one.

Sister Ann Raymond was here last week for two days. We really had a wonderful visit. God is good to give one such a friend.

Father, will you please pray for Sister Asella - the Superior in Denver - she has had a heart attack and is very ill. She is a wonderful religious - puts first things first. I learned a lot from her last year. Please pray for a Sister Alice who is in our Community five years and is thinking about leaving. She is a fine person - a convert. She is in our house here in Butte. I think it is a temptation and she will be very sorry if she leaves.

The miners are on a strike here in Butte so we are really having a bad time. We must take care of the sick even though they have no money. God will have to provide because we are running out of funds.

Thank you again for everything.

Sincerely in the Sacred Heart,

*Sister John Marie*

Oct. 8, 1954

Dear Father Aloysius,

I am enclosing a check for  
\$200.00 to be applied to tuition  
for Joseph Peplausky, the balance  
being \$300.

The children are back in  
school again and we are back to  
our usual routine after a wonderful  
summer. The two boys went to  
camp for 5 weeks and Joanne spent  
them in Minneapolis with Mr.  
Smith's sister. He and I flew  
to Montreal and after four days  
there, we took a freighter to  
Ireland.

We were ten days aboard and  
landed in Cork. From there to  
Dublin for four days and then  
a tour of the country for a  
week in a car we rented. We  
flew back from Shannon to  
N.Y. arriving the end of July.  
Ireland was all we expected  
and we certainly enjoyed every  
moment of it.

Mother is well, leaving last  
Sunday for a month with my  
brother, Bob, in Dayton, Ohio.

Hoping you are in the  
best of health, I am,

Sincerely,

Isabelle Smith

*The Sisters of Charity  
Saint John's Hospital  
Santa Monica, California*

*October 10, 1954*

*Dear Father Aloysius,*

*We are most sincerely grateful  
for the spiritual uplift you gave  
us last Sunday in your conference.*

*All the Sisters appreciated it  
very much and commented on  
your excellent ability to inspire  
the love of God in their hearts.*

*Please remember us in your  
prayers that we may be  
real Sisters of Charity.*

*Gratefully,*

*Sister Mary David*

Los Angeles, California,  
October 18, 1954.

Rev. Father Aloysius,  
1119 Westchester Place,  
Los Angeles 19, California,

Dear Father Aloysius;

Recently we have lost so many of our close friends. We are anxious to have masses said for the repose of their souls, and would be happy if you could take care of them for us. Will you also send them a mass card informing their families of these masses. I'm sure nothing could be of a greater comfort to their loved ones.

- ✓ For Bishop Manning's father, two high masses, and please send a card to Bishop Manning.
- ✓ For Mr. Harry Johansing, two high masses, and please send a card to Mrs. Harry Johansing, 887 Flintridge Ave., Flintridge, Calif.,
- ✓ For Mr. Thomas F. Brant, five low masses, and please send a card to Mrs. Thomas F. Brant, 175 North McCadden Place, Los Angeles 4.

For Dr. Clyde Early, five low masses, and please send a card to Mrs. Clyde Early, 615 South Rossmore Ave., Los Angeles 5.

And of course I always want prayers and masses for my family, particularly for our daughter, Peggy Bolstad. Please say five masses for us when it is convenient for you.

And thank you, Father, so very much for your help, your encouragement and your kindness to me.

Sincerely,

Mrs. John B. Rauen  
515 South Windsor Blvd.,  
Los Angeles 5, Calif.,

*Agnes Rauen*





*Prayers of Day*

The message of the angels  
Is heard today anew.  
Its promise from the heavens  
Bring peace and joy to you!


Dear Fr. Aloysius - Be sure  
that I will remember you as  
singing the midnight mass at St.  
Paul, Chester --- Villa Claree as  
you can see is the fulfillment  
of my promise to you --- St.  
Anthony, Claree is working mar-  
vels! If two cancers cured tonight  
here in Victorienelle due to our  
St. Anthony. People are beginning  
to come for cures and miracles -  
a bit distressing when they in-  
sist it is of that cures them -  
I'm sure it is not. It is as you  
told me: St. Anthony would do  
wonders in Canada.

Since August I have been  
cook, housekeeper, Lay brother in  
a word --- next week a Father  
& Brother are to arrive from France  
dies gratis --- that will make 7-  
4 religious & 3 postulants. We

have 'nt room for more. How have  
you been Father? Say a prayer  
for me --- got rheumatism in my  
knees, hands, and a pain in my  
back at present due to "no heat"  
here. The oil system was just installed  
and we began to have heat on the 17th.

Wonder if you could find a  
generous soul who would send  
me some post-card-size photos  
of the Sac-Sacrt --- the large one  
you gave me is in my room.

Give my fondest regards  
to Br. Alloysius (too good to send  
him a special card this year) and  
the novices. What happened to  
our dear June Power? Was praying  
so much for her perseverance ---  
Is she returning to the cinema?

Begging a spiritual memento in  
your p. masses + in the good prayers  
of your saintly novices (I also pray to  
be remembered to  Mr. Lewis + his two  
"young men" I met at Dominguez), most  
affectionately  
Père Jean-Marie, C.S.F.

JLL

October 27th, 1954.

Dear Father Aloysius:

Will you please arrange for the following Masses?

✓ Deceased

Cornelius Manning  
(Bishop's Father)

Notify

Bishop Manning  
St. Gregory's Rectory  
906 S. Bronson Av. L. A. 19

✓ Thomas Brant

Mrs. Thomas Brant  
175 N. McCadden Place L.A 4

✓ Frank Connolly

Mrs. Frank Connolly  
244 S. Irving Blvd., L. A. 4

✓ Dr. Clyde Early  
(Non-Catholic)

Mrs. Clyde Early  
615 S. Rossmore Av. L. A. 5

I am especially anxious that Bishop Manning and Mrs. Brant be notified of these Mass Intentions immediately, if it is conveniently possible for you to do so.

I am late in getting this letter off to you, but I have had a cold, out-of-town guests, as well as a house-guest at the moment.

I hear many of my friends are calling on you, I hope you will not be bothered unduly. Mrs. Brady told me yesterday she plans to join our Guild, I'm glad.

Father I hope you will be able to attend our membership tea at Mrs. Rauen's home, November 5th.

Sincerely yours,

*Helen Clark*



BENSON-QUINN Co.  
SIXTH FLOOR GRAIN EXCHANGE  
MINNEAPOLIS

RUPERT M. QUINN  
PRESIDENT

October 29, 1954

Dear Father Ellacina

You have been so gracious about saying a Mass for my Father that I would like for you to offer another on November 14.

Mother is getting along very well. Sister Miriam is quite happy at the Convent in Alhambra. My sister Betty lost one of her children last March - a daughter just seventeen months old.

Your letter to me a year ago was very much appreciated. I have always carried the crucifix I received from you but have lost the medals it contained. Could you possibly send me another? The smaller size would be preferable.

My family is quite well. My daughter Thelma is enrolled at San Diego College this year.

Sincerely  
Rupert M. Quinn

*St. Vincent Hospital*  
*Sisters of Charity*  
*Billings, Montana*

November 6, 1954

Dear Father Aloysius:

I do not know if anyone has told you that I have been transferred to our hospital here in Billings. I am here since July 22. My change was necessary because of the illness of Sister Leo Catherine.

She returned from Cheyenne with me and is here as a patient. She has suffered greatly from fatigue, a calcium deficiency which effected her muscles - this has been greatly relieved by taking large doses of calcium - and a condition of her intestines, which has caused her a great deal of discomfort the past four years, ever since she and Sister Frances Eileen had a virus infection when they were both at St. John's. Neither have fully recovered. After many tests and much consultation, the doctors have decided to operate on Sister Leo Catherine Tuesday.

Please remember her very specially in your prayers and ask God's guidance of the surgeons that if it is His Will, they may be able to find the seat of her trouble and give her relief.

Sister Frances Eileen has been off duty for practically eight weeks. She suffers from extreme exhaustion. This is a great cross to her - she has such an active mind. She has said to me more than once that it is what God is asking of her at this time - this inactivity.

Both of these Sisters are wonderfully resigned to the Will of God and I know their suffering is bringing blessings to themselves and others. Being their Mother, I would like to relieve them if I possibly could. I know that acceptance - or rather abandonment to the Will of God is the important thing - so I am asking you to offer a Mass for each of them that God's Will be done.

*St. Vincent Hospital*

*Sisters of Charity*

*Billings, Montana*

November 6, 1954

I am also asking you to remember Mr. Charles P. Skouras, by offering a Mass for his soul. You are well aware what a benefactor he was to St. John's. I want to have a Mass offered for him on your privileged altar.

And I have another friend who is in special need of God's graces just now, Mr. Dick Hanley. He has held a very fine position for years, but due to reorganization in the company, he is now looking for a new position.

If laymen are permitted to attend Mass in your chapel, will you write on the enclosed card the date that you will offer Mass for his intention and ask him to come. I have learned of his present status from Miss Quigley. She tells me that he has been going to daily Mass and I'm sure that he would not mind the early hour that you might be offering the Mass.

The anniversary of Miss Quigley's brother is December 9. Would you please offer a Mass for him on that day.

How are you feeling, Father, and how many Novices do you have this year?

Thank God for the graces that He has given me since I am here and ask Him to help me in this assignment. I have a family of seventeen Sisters. Please give all of us one of your blessings. You can do that without being present, can you not?

Sincerely yours in the Immaculate Heart of Mary,

*Sister Ben Raymond.*

*Sister John Marie is accepting her new responsibilities marvellously well, as God's Will for her at this time. I know you are continuing to pray for her. Thank you.*  
*Sister Ben Raymond*

Dear Father Theophane,

I am now sending my list of friends for whom Masses are to be offered during the Christmastide if you can arrange it. I enclose a check for \$50.<sup>00</sup> as stipends for the 25 Masses. Also I enclose stamps for the the cards you so thoughtfully send each one. These cards are also deeply appreciated.

While I realize I am losing a little ground every day, I owe thanks to God for kind friends like you who give so generously the help I need.

With all my heart, I thank



you for your good prayers  
for my friends and for  
myself. Be assured of a  
fervent remembrance in  
mine. Somehow I manage  
to go to Mass nearly every  
day. That makes the day  
wonderful from the very  
start.

Gratefully yours  
Alphonsine McLean

Nov. 15, 1954



Regina & Bill  
Stale San Cusson Rd

Mr. Heart Nardiale  
1119 Westchester Place  
Los Angeles 19 Cal

Dear Father's:

Nov 18-1954 I sent a money  
order for \$3.00 asking you to send  
me 3 Relics & 3 Norma books of  
St Anthony Mary Claret.

I have not received or heard from  
you. Did you receive the letter?

I was worried thinking you may  
not have received it.

The one woman is very nervous  
perhaps she thinks I did not write

A little later I will send more  
money.

Very Sincerely  
Regina & Bill

Los Angeles, Calif.,  
November 26, 1954,

Rev. Father Aloysius, C.M.F.,  
1119 Westchester Place,  
Los Angeles 19, Calif.,

Dear Father;

Will you kindly take care of some masses for me?  
I would like the special Requiem Masses said for departed members  
of our families as follows.

Mr. George Earley,  
Mr. Charles Earley,  
Mrs. Marie Earley Steffen,  
Mr. Bernard Rauen  
Mrs. Bernard Rauen  
Mr. Frank Rauen  
Mr. Raymond Rauen

For these masses I am sending a  
check for thirty five dollars. No mass cards need be sent for  
these.

Kindly have five masses said for the repose of  
the soul of Mrs. Katherine Carson. These to be low masses. And  
could you please send a card to each of her daughter; One to

Mrs. Fritz Burns, 133 South June St. Los Angeles 4  
and one to, Mrs. Jerome Hanrahan, 123 South McCadden Place, Los Angeles 4.  
For these I am sending ten dollars.

Kindly take care of five masses for the repose of the  
soul of Mr. J. F. Cahill and send mass card to Mrs. J. F. Cahill,  
2604 Woodbine Drive, Pontiac, Michigan. For these I am also sending  
ten dollars.

And please, Father, say an emergency mass for our daughter,  
Peggy Bolstad. The situation is serious and it looks very much that  
she may marry very soon outside the church. I am really frantic.  
Do want her to come and talk with you.

And thank you very much for all your kindness and  
prayers.

Sincerely,

Mrs. John B. Rauen  
515 South Windsor Blvd.,  
Los Angeles 5, Calif.,



November 27, 1954

Claration's Father,

Father Aloysius C. M. L.

Dear Father,

Please offer the Holy Sacrifice  
of the Mass for the repose of the Souls  
of the following, signing our names on  
(Mr and Mrs Irvin Karsen)  
the Memorial Cards.

Mrs. Eugene McLaughlin

Mrs. Katherine Carson

Mr. Thomas Brant

Miss Mary Burke

If you send the Cards to me, I  
will address them to the family  
of the deceased.

Also a Mass in Remembrance of  
my Mother and Father (deceased)  
Margaret and Valdemar Michaelson

Irvin Irvin & W

and Agnes Kline. No cards are  
needed for the last three named.

I am very grateful for your  
kindness for my request.

Very truly,

—Florence Kasser

99 Fremont Place  
Los Angeles 5, Calif.

J. M. J.

November 28, 1954

Dear Father Alaypino,

May Our Lovely Queen of Heaven & Earth  
bless you very much today and always.

Tad had. I didn't get to see you when  
Sister Alaypino did last Thursday! Well, if  
you pray for me then I ought to be glad  
of that. Please send me all the blessings  
like you gave her Tad, won't you please?

You will think I have a litany of intentions  
when I start in. Please excuse me for  
always asking. I fear the return I make  
is not so good and I know it is not in  
proportion, dear Father, for all you do  
and have done for me. May God bless you.



My Uncle Malas, Fr. Mulken S.J. has been given the Spiritual Direction of the juniors in their Hermitage in Oregon and I told him I would ask your prayers. I know you understand his need, don't you? Thank you Father, for putting him in your prayers.

Also a very nice person Sister Bertrude Maria Ely, M. P. F. in Morristown New Jersey is in great sorrow. I think she is a Mystic. She says The Archbishop told them to send her out of the Convent which she entered just about two years ago. Mamma sent me a Mass Offering for her and I would be so grateful if you would offer one Mass for her - and please put her in your prayers. Poor Sister Bertrude. She is a Convent lass and has only Protestant relatives. Thank you for doing that also.

I will pray for the Priests as you said.

Sister Catherine, the Carmelite is fine, as far as I know. She seems happy whenever we see her. I had quite a talk with her when she came to visit our Pilgrim Virgin. I also saw her when I visited them in October. Please God, I'll visit them during the vacation.

at Christmas and  
 tell her how you  
 asked Sister Aloysius  
 about her. The Nuns  
 need a bigger place  
 and would love to  
 move in January, so  
 Sister Marie Thérèse  
 was saying. She was  
 up to the Play Sunday.  
 Now I'll stop for today.  
 May God bless you, dear  
 Father Aloysius and  
 make you a great Saint  
 like St. Anthony Clarist.  
 Please keep me in your  
 prayers. Thank you so much  
 with love and gratitude  
 Sister Mary of the Passion

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A Little Note for You

J.M.J.

(Delayed in mailing)

Feast of the Immaculate Conception  
December 8, 54

Dear Father, in Christ Jesus;

Only yesterday the deep truth of your message, which you sent by Sr. M. Alaynis, was fully brought home to me or I only now after nine days fully realize what God wants. Father, I have a inner sadness because of it, but at the same time a great release and some worries less. For myself, I can take it Father, since it is God's Will, but what can I tell my people to pacify them & make them contented over such a great disappointment? Is it wrong for me to want the "why" for it? Please Father tell me what I can write my people about it. It is very hard for them, because all the other eight <sup>or 9</sup> from the place have been home except I, and some have been home twice or more. Thank God I'll be in Heaven with my dear ones, as you say. But Father, please, may I ask you, do you call an other ten, fifteen or twenty years a few short years or may I take you literally? Please, may I know? Father, may I say thank you to you from the bottom of my heart. I'm happy to know, very happy, that I am on the right road and doing God's Will. I will try to be more generous with God than I have been. Have you any suggestion? What must I do to really please Him? What does most violence to self, "myself" I will try not to lose my peace through any fault of mine. So help me God, if that peace will be a means to bring me closer to God.

I attended the Marian Year Closing last evening. During the first part of the Mass in particular such a peace, gratitude and happiness stole over me; gratitude in particular to God & Mary when I read the last part of the Introit: "I will extol Thee O Lord, for Thou hast upheld me and hast not made my enemies - the devils - to rejoice over me." Father, I hope the peace and fervor I feel last night need something to spur me on.

Father, I felt such confidence at first that I would really go to <sup>Heaven</sup> in the proper way too, but I guess I never really had holy resignation in regard to it. Is it God's Will, Father, that I keep the bearer of your message to me as a friend or confidant? Since her return she is <sup>difficult</sup> at times to me; whether she is afraid I bother her too much unless she acts this way or what, I do not know. She does not know me, if she thinks I would take up her time when she has other things waiting. I am ready to give her up if her actions (which have hurt me) are God's way of showing me it is His Holy Will. - I like her, Father, always have, and I think in the right way and justifiably way.

So if God's Will I remain here or rather, must I be indifferent in regard to it should my Mother Prov. ask me? Also, if she asks me if the work and all its too hard must, her tell her I'll do it any way? Must I tell her and Mother General of my temptation of these passed months? I wrote an apology to Mother Rose Elisabeth, but not too much more.

Father, can you suggest a book, that might help me?



only now for me to have a inner sadness because of it, but at the same time a great release and some worries less. For myself, I can take it Father, since it is God's Will, but what can I tell my people to pacify them & make them contented over such a great disappointment? Is it wrong for me to want the "why" for it? Please Father tell me what I can write my people about it. It is very hard for them, because all the other eight <sup>sons</sup> from that place have been home except I, and some have been home twice or more. Thank God I'll be in Heaven with my dear ones, as you say. But Father, please, may I ask you, do you call an other ten, fifteen or twenty years a few short years or may I take you literally? Please, may I know, Father, may I say thank you to you from the bottom of my heart. I'm happy to know, very happy, that I am on the right road and doing God's Will. I will try to be more generous with God than I have been. Have you any suggestion? What must I do to really please Him? What does most violence to self, "myself" I will try not to let my peace through any fault of mine. So help me God, that peace will be a means to bring me closer to God.

I attended the Marian Year Closing last evening. During the first part of the Mass in particular such a peace, gratitude and happiness stole over me; gratitude in particular to God & Mary when I read the last part of the Introit: "I will extol Thee O Lord, for Thou hast upheld me and hast not made my enemies - the devils - to rejoice over me." Father, I hope the peace and fervor I feel has led me to need something to spur me on.

Father, I felt such confidence at first that I would really go <sup>to Maryann</sup> and in the proper way too, but I guess I never really had holy resignation in regard to it. Is it God's Will, Father, that I keep the bearer of your message to me as a friend or confidant? Since her return she is different at times to me; whether she is afraid I bother her too much unless she acts this way or what, I do not know. She does not know me, if she thinks I would take up her time when she has other things waiting. I am ready to give her up if her actions (which have hurt me) are God's way of showing me it is His Holy Will. - I like her, Father, always have, and I think in the right way and profitably way.

So if God's Will I remain here or rather, must I be indifferent in regard to it should my Mother Prov. ask me? Also if she asks me if the work and all its too hard must, her tell her I'll do it any way? Must I tell her and Mother General of my temptation of these passed months? I wrote an apology to Mother Rose Elizabeth, but not too much more.

Father, can you suggest a book that might help me? I don't seem to stick to one book at all. Am I at fault or am I searching for the book I can't find -? Was thinking of rereading Progress thr. prayer by Fr. Leen.

Must I at times neglect my prayers to get my work done more perfectly. What about saying more than one Rosary a day? Should I manage my work so I can?

I hope I am not overburdening you, dear Father. Be assured of my poor prayers. God be with me, I know He is with you.

Gratefully a poor beggar begs for your help in Christ Jesus & Mary  
Sister M. Villanova

P.S. Father, I never really wrote for a Dispensation -  
Thank you for your prayers. Father, I feel their affect greatly. - Oh,  
I can't tell you how discontented I have been at times (not always) in  
the passed, <sup>and</sup> unhappiness of hell. Looking back now I think I felt the  
grip of hell on me.

Father, this was my <sup>Solo.</sup> Jubilee Year too. Jubilee of my Final Profession  
August 15 - 1929.

I'll try not to will anything except what happens and to do  
what others will (as far as possible) rather than what I will. That  
is one thing that will do violence to self. eh? Thanks again  
If you wish you can send my message in the return letter  
if in the same I am sending it -

Gratefully  
Sister M. Villanova

Father I have such feared thoughts  
for instance, that I am good etc.  
please keep me.



December 8, 1954

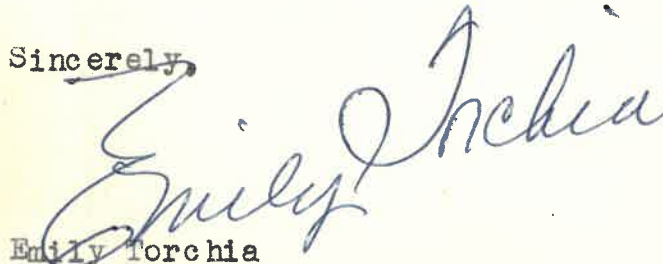
Dear Father:

My dear friend, Honore Janney, has told me about your wonderful work and your unselfish interest in others.

It gives me courage to ask a favor of you. I need your prayers. I am going into the hospital next week for surgery, a tumor, and your prayers for my recovery will be so appreciated. I worry because I have my mother, who has no one but me. I pray that the dear Lord will spare me to take care of her until her death.

Thank you so much for your help.

Sincerely,

A large, elegant handwritten signature in dark ink, reading "Emily Torchia". The signature is written over the typed name and address.

Emily Torchia  
4259 Vinton Avenue  
Culver City, California

December 9, 1954  
1117 S. Granada Ave  
Alhambra, Calif.

Dear Father Aloysius

Just a few lines, Father,  
about my little daughter Laurie.  
She is now in Huntington  
Memorial Hospital in Pasadena  
to undergo a new treatment  
which consists of Typhoid  
Serum injections over a  
8-day period. They do not  
know if it will help her  
but are hopeful. They have  
had some success with this  
treatments on grownups  
but have never tried it on  
a child suffering from  
Myotonia Congenita. She  
wanted to go to the hospital  
and went without a tear.  
She is praying for the Sisters  
and they are praying for

2. Her. The Sisters are going to have Laurie make her First Communion at Christmas. She went into the hospital on the Feast of Immaculate Conception. A wonderful day. I have placed her in God's hands and if it is His Will she will be helped. I am writing this to ask you to pray ~~for~~ for the success of the treatment if it be Our Lord's Divine Will.

I have had a letter from Sister Margaret Alma from Washington, Indiana where she is now teaching and she also wishes you to kindly remember her intentions in your prayers.

Since talking with you, Father, I have been very resigned to God's Will and it has helped me ever so much. With faith in Our Dear Lord, I remain -  
Sincerely, Laura Swanson.



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For Monsignor

It has been brought to our attention that listed as a Co-sponsor on his Eminence Cardinal MacIntyre's Christmas party program the name Immaculate Heart of Mary Claretian Guild.

For your records Monsignor O'Flaherty there is only one Guild working for the Claretian Fathers and that is the Saint Anthony Claret Guild.

Checking further into the matter we find that a Mrs John E. Savage was the party who put the name on the Program with our knowledge or permission.

She has been told before that the title she has used is a misrepresentation and misleading.



## CLARETIAN MISSIONARIES

1119 WESTCHESTER PL.  
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For Mrs. Savage,

It has been brought to our attention that the Immaculate Heart of Mary Claretian Guild is listed as a co-sponsor of the ~~Communion~~ <sup>Sanctification</sup> ~~Cardinal MacIntyre~~ <sup>Thomas</sup> party.

Understandably it has slipped your mind that we were <sup>but we</sup> instructed ~~not to use~~ the Claretian Fathers name in any form what so ever. There is only one Guild representative of the Claretian Fathers, The Saint Anthony Claret Guild.

Upon calling the office of Mr. O. Flaherty I find who was responsible for this listing we were informed after complete check that <sup>was a</sup> Mrs. John Edward Savage

Copies of this letter for your information will be sent to the Cardinals Office and to the Newspapers. Again to remind you this letter stands as a legal record of our intent.



Los Angeles Dec. 11 - 1954.  
J. H. M.

Dear Father Aloysius:  
I would like to thank you for all your prayers & spiritual assistance you have given me and mine during the past year. It seems like my son George & his problem has quieted down somewhat. George's oldest oldest girl is expecting a baby any day & that may have brought him and his wife Helen to their senses somewhat. In fact father she has been better since you told me you would pray for her the Sunday that the Guild made the pilgrimage to your chapel.

of Our Blessed <sup>3</sup> Mother. I am going to  
Fresno to spend the Christmas holidays  
with Helen, my daughter & her baby, . .  
please pray Father that the Holy Spirit  
may guide me in what I say to  
her, I am anxious for her not to  
have anything to do with the baby's  
father as he is not divorced & has  
3 children by his first wife & whom  
he has not supported,

I know if she would only come back  
to the Sacraments she would feel  
better, & not be so confused.

My son Bernard who lives in Texas  
is really in a bad way, I am sure he  
is an alcoholic, since he has been  
out of service about 8 years he has  
went from bad to worse so am pray-  
ing for him.

I have kept in contact with the girl that George thought he was in love with & I really do not think she wants him, really think she felt sorry for him but since she sees the situation from a different angle, she thinks he has brought on a lot of the trouble himself so am praying that is all over.

Father I would like you to know that I remembered you at the consecration of every Mass I attended during the Marian year, & will continue to remember both your intentions & those for whom you pray during the coming year. I am very anxious to make more spiritual progress during the coming year I feel some times like I am not doing so good, but will try to do better, with the help

I will close <sup>4</sup>for this time praying  
that the Divine Infant and His  
Blessed Mother will be very  
generous with Blessings & Graces  
for you this Holy Season

Sincerely  
In the Immaculate Heart of Mary  
Mary Ross

IMMACULATE HEART NOVITIATE

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LOS ANGELES 19, CALIFORNIA

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December 12, 1954

Mrs. John Edward Savage

Dear Mrs. Savage;

The Very Reverend Father Emeterio De la Rosa, C.M.F., Provincial Superior, of the Claretian Fathers of the Western Province, thanks you for all you have done for the Claretian Fathers. May our Lord reward you abundantly for everything you have done for us.

The Very Reverend Father Provincial regrets to inform you that the Immaculate Heart of Mary Claretian Guild of Beverly Hills ceases to exist. He does not authorize you any longer to use the name and title of President of the said Guild. If this Guild wants to start all over again, then a new President and Officers will be elected entirely in accord to the directions of the same Very Reverend Father Provincial. The Very Reverend Father Provincial's decision is definitely final. Let us, therefore, abide by his orders.

May St. Anthony Claret obtain for you and your family the blessings that were his on Christmas Day of receiving the smile and the caress of the Infant Jesus. May those blessings be with you in the New Year.

Sincerely

In the Immaculate Heart of Mary,

Fr. Aloysius Ellacuria, C.M.F.



2487 Florence St  
Victoria, B.C.

Canada

Dec. 13<sup>th</sup> 1954

Dear Father Aloysius:

Last June I sent you  
a card for your Feast Day. I did not  
hear from you in return. Do hope you  
received it. Are you well? I hope so,  
and hope all your boys are steadfast.

Raymond has not been well,  
and has had four heart spells in three  
months. The worst one was Oct. 16<sup>th</sup>.  
Our Priest gave him the last Rites.  
We have been to another Dr., and he  
has ordered Raymond to be careful not  
to do anything but rest. He has not  
served Mass since his bad spell,  
but daily Mass and Holy Communion is  
the rule of our lives.

It has been a wonderful year  
spiritually, and we are grateful for

~~for~~ this home fine doors from church.

Do you ever see Mrs. O'Donnell?

Please give him my best regards. Sister  
Finia wrote me that Mrs. O.D. had had  
a bad accident.

Please, Father Aloysius pray  
for Raymond's recovery. The Dr. told  
him he would not get well, but God  
hears the prayers of faithful souls, and  
often performs miracles.

Write us when you can, and  
give Rev. Father Bossie our sincere  
wishes for his welfare.

Bless me, Father Aloysius.  
Your child in Christ

Florence O'Neill

check  
\$ 20.00  
Share in our prayers

WISCHEMEYER  
217 SOUTH ALMONT DRIVE  
BEVERLY HILLS, CALIFORNIA

12-16-54

Dear Father Ellacuria,

Christmas will soon be  
here and so again my brother Bill  
and I send you the enclosed in  
memory of our deceased father,  
Joseph Wischemeyer.

Please remember him in  
your prayers.

Very best wishes for a  
Holy and a Happy Christmas.

May you all enjoy God's  
Blessings and rewards for your  
service to Him and your fellow  
man.

WISCHEMEYER  
217 SOUTH ALMONT DRIVE  
BEVERLY HILLS, CALIFORNIA

We are glad to be able to  
have a small part in your missionary  
work - may you meet with every  
success.

Sincerely.

Joseph Wischemeyer Jr

MISIONEROS HIJOS

DEL

IDO. CORAZON DE MARIA

(PP. CLARETIANOS)

Avenida de Navarra, 1

Teléfono 12.758

¡Viva Cristo Rey!

SAN SEBASTIAN, 21 de Diciembre de 1954

R.P. Juan Luis de Ellacuria. C.M.F. LOS ANGELES. U.S.A.

Muy estimado y recordado hermano:

Ante todo, FELICISIMAS PASCUAS DE NAVIDAD Y QUE TENGAS UN AÑO NUEVO 1955 MUY PROSPERO Y REPLETO DE BENDICIONES CELESTIALES.

Te escribí, dando referencias sobre el santo P. Peyton. La familia se encuentra, a Dios muy bien, en general, excepción hecha de Francisco, a quien hemos de considerar como menor de edad. La última vez que llegué a Biñobio, el 30 de Noviembre, había mantenido una conferencia telefónica con Marcelina, a quien dije por teléfono, entre otras cosas: "que ya no creía en nada" Y, como ya lo anuncié a nuestra hermana, fué a darle explicaciones de que estaba fuera de sí y no sabía lo que se hacía... Tonterías de niño, que tuviere con la debida réplica de Marcelina, que le reprendió como el caso se merecía.

En Guadacano están bien. La María Luisa sigue adelgazando cada día. De Milagritos, ni que decir. Es un alma de una finura espiritual exquisita. María y Miguel, felices.

Pedro, fuera de sus peniadas, es el hombre mejor del mundo y el más generoso. Poli está ahora en la edad de oro de felicidad familiar, con dos hijos como dos soles. Mari Tere parece que va a hacer suerte. Pachito puede tener todavía mayor suerte y bendición del Señor...

Juliana sigue cada vez mas cristiana y religiosa. También Natichu. Anastasio hecho todo un trabajador.

Marcelina sigue siempre lo mismo. Creo que es la hija que



más se parece a nuestra difunta Madre. Sus tres hijos son muy religiosos, listos y atentos. Angelchu, en particular, vale mucho y no tiene reparo en saludar con un beso en la calle, cuando se tropieza conmigo. Ya sabes que esto les cuesta mucho a los chicos ya entrados en edad.

En cuanto a mi pobre persona, quisiera hacer algo grande; espero que tú me ayudes para ello. Tengo un proyecto, que se está madurando con el cual podré aportar económicamente a nuestra Congregación gran economía. Con esa obra habré dado a la Provincia más que todos los individuos singularmente considerados. Ya vez si es motivo para que pises por este proyecto con esa íntima confianza que te une con los Corazones de Jesús y María.

Me decía Mary Tere, la última vez que estuve en Bilbao: "Dí al tío Juan Luis que nos haceen perfecto cargo de que estará muy ocupado, pero que te dirija a él en nombre de todas esas palabras de referencia o algún consejo respecto lo que tú quieras, pero te advierto que un consejo tuyo nos vale a todos mucho, empezando por él, querido Juan Luis."

Creo que se va arreglando el asunto de que te hablé sobre la persona digna que heredará en Washington. Dios lo quiere. A ello están vinculados mis planes, que pueden empezar a ser perfecta realidad dentro de breve plazo.

El encanto mayor es dirigir y organizar la Catequesis y después la Escuela Laboral del Corazón de María, cuya Memoria pienso pasarte, cuando la saque en multicopista uno de estos días.

El M.R.P. Provincial está muy interesado en mandarme a la República de Santo Domingo, para predicar Misiones. No creas que ahora me entusiasma. Si el móvil principal no fuera el buscar recursos materiales, ya sería otra cosa, pero si se deciden a mandarme a misionar es en este concepto y esta es la razón de perder mi entusiasmo. Aparte de que por ahora tengo bastante trabajo y actividades en San Sebastián.

Si, en imado Juan Luis. Ojalá como antes tu hermano,

*Jose Maria F. Navarro*

December 22, 1954

Dear Father Alayria,

I thought Mrs. McBride's Christmas gift to me was such a lovely way to remember a friend, that I beg of you to enroll some of my friends and relatives in the Clarettian Penitentiary Association to share in the Masses, Prayers, and Apostolic labors of the Clarettians of California.

Enclosed is a list of their names and a small donation to help in your good work.

May the following be enrolled in the  
Claretian Seminary Association to  
share in the Masses, Prayers and  
Apostolic Labors of the Claretians of  
California?

Mr. and Mrs. Louis Beevar

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Beevar

Mrs. Claude Burrows

Mrs. Helen McCullough Schroeder

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas E. Leavey and Family

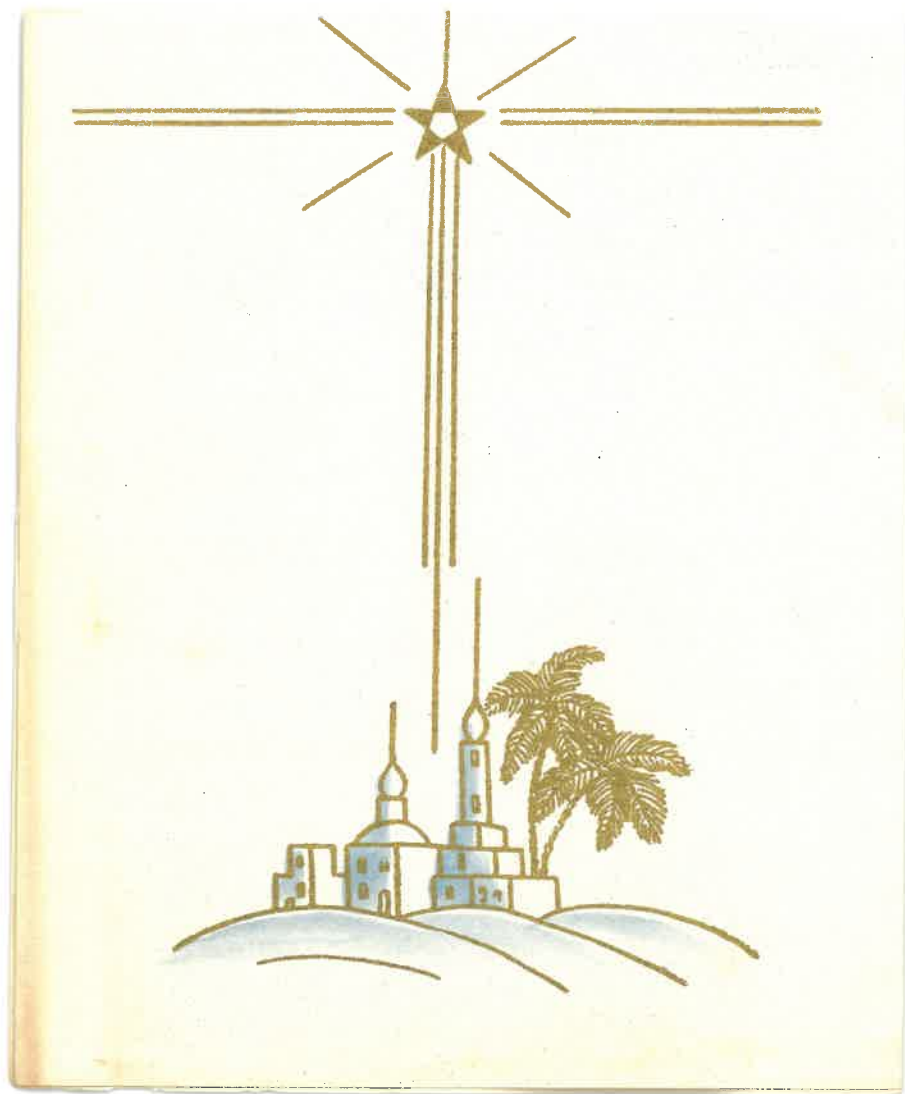
Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Gudelman and Family

Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Gage and Family

Christmas

Greetings







27  
God's blessing be upon  
your home at  
Christmas and His love  
surround you every  
day throughout the  
New Year

Jm. J.

St. Mary's Hospital  
December 13, 1953

Dear Father Alayncus:

Another year passing into the Treasury  
of the Blessed Trinity. Dear Father as I review  
these years that have carried me to this Day —  
since the Great Day you directed me to my dear  
Congregation, my soul sings its psalm of praise in  
thanksgiving for all the grace He has showered upon me!  
From Mother Rose Mary I learned the Doctrine of the  
Indwelling — learned it so well that it is my own.  
I have suffered much, — the Novitiate was very hard  
for me, adjustments were difficult because my body some-  
times was not equal to the demands put upon it, and  
I knew the pain of being more or less useless in a Community  
overburdened with duties, and too few subjects to meet  
them; but with many falls, many, many faults and imperfections,  
most of them prompted by pride, my Divine Spouse led me  
closer to His Divine Heart, to as yet an incomplete, and  
imperfect abandonment, but quietly, since I have learned a bit  
of the silence of the spirit and tranquility of heart — the desire  
to immolate myself grows more and more each day. I  
pray and beseech humbly of heart, for all that He has permitted  
to come to me has been an arrow pointing in that direction —  
the way He has designed for me. Dear Father I am happy,  
though still not very useful, I desire to love with a consuming  
love — I desire nothing but His Will — I wish to see in everything  
with the eyes of pure faith, His love, His gift. Pray for me that  
I may be a really humble, a holy Religious, divorced from all  
that is self — that there may never be anything of self lurking  
in my immolation. I owe you such a tremendous debt — I

never for a day have forgotten it in  
my prayers. Please remember it  
would mean to me who are in danger.  
Sr. Gerard, S. I. S. is still in Africa  
working very very hard on the Gold  
Coast.

Again I beg your prayers - pray that  
I may be strong enough spiritually,  
pure enough to embrace the gift of mis-  
understanding, misinterpretations and  
contempt that come to me, through His  
generosity. Pray I may be a pure  
and Holy Host for my crucified  
Spouse. I place my gratitude to you  
in Mary's Holy Heart. A happy  
Christmas, a most holy and fruitful  
Mayan year.

Yours in Christ crucified  
Sister Jeanne de Chantal S. I. S.

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I hope to renew my  
vows for 3 years in  
January 1954

1948-1954



Epiphany Vigil 1954

My dear Father -

Greetings and sincerest wishes for every best and perfect gift.

Sister Clarice said: "I love your Father Aloysius so much." "So do I" said I. We enjoyed our visit and feel real happy having had the pleasure of your gracious hospitality.

I will rely on the assistance of

divine grace obtained by your  
intercession for my work in  
San Francisco next week.  
Thank you for this, Father; also,  
for your priestly blessing which,  
I feel confident is a great factor  
to my physical well-being. As  
to the spiritual - God alone knows  
what you have done for me. At  
times it seems He carries me -  
things come to me - are done for  
me - I do and say things quite  
unpremeditated - wonder at my-  
self and events prove it was all  
as it should have been. Best of all  
is the deep peace which is mine.  
God bless you and reward you,  
Dear Father. Cordially,  
Sister M. Loloee.





*Missionnaires Fils du Cœur Immaculé de Marie*  
(Claretians)

Hail Immaculate Heart of Mary!

Tél. 4150

Villa Claret.

Rang St-Joseph

C. P. 8

**Pentecost Thursday of Mary's Year.**

*Victoriaville, P. Q.,*

**1954**

**Dear Father Aloysius,**

Very many thanks for your letter of May 28th. Your letters are so rare that I think one can treasure them. I realize you are occupied....but before I left you were so generous with your promises (which I took seriously) that I thought I would profit from your priestly experience and advice. But seeing that being a "subject" makes you more shy and extremely "reserved" even with your own, I promise you that in the future I shall not cause you any inconveniences.

You tell me that I am fortunate in being in the Vice-Province whose treasurer is St. Jude. That is true, since God placed me in this Vice-province. However, if that is the answer to the "invitation" I offered you about placing St. A. M. Claret in our future chapel, I thank you for the kind way of telling me, no. I did not, and I am most sincere, dear Father, want to embarrass you with such a petition. It was only that I thought that since you were so devoted to our Saintly Founder that perhaps you yourself would like to be the means by which the statue would be given. I don't doubt Divine Providence a bit. I already have a lady who donated the inside statue of St. A.M. Claret and I am sure that I will find a soul who will gladly donate the stone <sup>outside</sup> statue which is to welcome each soul that approaches Villa Claret. It was just an idea of mine, that since I followed your urgent request of calling this place after our saintly Founder, that perhaps you would have some soul (and you are more in contact with them than many others) who would be willing to place St. A. M. Claret in an unknown land. I thank you kindly for your advice. However, I believe Divine Providence will provide without my "begging St. Jude and his almoner, Fr. DePrada, for the things I need."

It was very kind of my confrère, Fr. Finnegan, to urge you to answer my letters. I am glad at least there is someone who can obtain what he wants from his former prefect. See? Your former secretary (and how many hours did I spend in writing out your letters) feels that it is funny that another has to urge you to answer him. I hope to thank Fr. Finnegan myself, when I find the time.

Your birthday approaches. June 21st! I don't believe there has been a year when I have forgotten you. Needless to say I won't either this year. I will surely remember you at Mass, "Making Jesus Christ the Eternal High Priest pray for us...beseeching Him to bring into perfect realization the designs God has for you and me. This is my birthday gift for you. I am too poor even to have a Holy Card to send you. I am poorer than when I was a postulant, or scholastic. I know you will have a holy birthday....as to a happy one, when we are always doing the will of God we are ~~happy~~ happy. So I know you are ~~happy~~ happy.

Thank you for the kind, spiritual wishes and much unmerited compliments, sent in your last letter. I certainly am not doing anything of great value. God and our Blessed Mother pushes me around....like a pen, it is the **hand, the person that uses it** that counts, not the instrument itself. And the miraculous events that take place are **Their** and St. A. M. Claret's doings. So the credit and compliments are for them.

Again, many thanks for the sacrifice entailed in writing me a letter. A joyous birthday, and feastday. Regards to Br. Puig and the novices.

Filially in C.M.

*Father John-Marie Ch.F.*

*P.S. I have been ever reading the "virtues of St. A.M. Claret" daily as found in our Holy Constitutions. Mot.*

# NOEL

All night the lambs  
With their piteous bleating,  
All night the lambs  
In the darkness and cold—  
Through angel-songs  
Our Lady hears them,  
The little lambs crying  
While night grows old.

The Lamb of God  
She has folded safely,  
But still she awaits  
The tripping feet—  
From far-off hills  
The lonely lambkins  
Hastening to her  
And to pastures sweet.

S. M. P.

J. M. J.

Dear Father Placius,

As we do not ordinarily write during Advent I have delayed thanking you for your very kind visit on Thanksgiving Day afternoon.

I gave your message to Sister Villanova and distributed the holy cards among the Sisters. They were pleased and grateful.

One of the Mass offerings enclosed is from Sister Villanova for her family; another for Mrs. Palmgren the mother of one of our Sisters here; and one for my own family living and dead. I have a Sister and brother who have been out of the church many years and I should deeply appreciate your prayers for them.

With kindest regards, Fr. M. Aloysius



CHRISTMAS GREETINGS

College of Saint Mary-of-the-Wasatch



Dear Father Aloysius

I hope this letter finds you in the best of health and ever struggling toward sanctity.

First of all let me apologize for using this kind of stationary but is all that I can get a hold of right now. At the present time I am in Fort Campbell Kentucky trying to qualify for the paratroopers ("paracalladista") Foolish of me? Maybe so, but I have already volunteered. It would be a low blow to my phony pride to quit it anyway. Besides it pays more.

It has been about six months since I last saw you. I've been wanting to write you for quite some time and I regret not having visited you while I was on my leave though it was my intention to do so. The last time I saw you, you advised me to enter the army for a period of two years. If I could keep pure in the army, you told me that I



But sometimes I feel that I do not want to become a priest because my body fears the great struggle of becoming a saint — of mortification, chastity, penance, obedience, and humility. Yet my soul is not content, it is not at rest and sometimes I tend to forget all about sanctity and spiritual struggles. But in the end I find myself talking to Jesus and all I can say to Him is "I miss you so much". Then I find myself in tears. Jesus has been so good to me and I have given so little in return! What kind of a life is this? What is the use to live if I cannot give something to my Creator? What's the use to live if I do not have a purpose in my life? Imagine, if I became a priest and dedicated my life to God instead of to the world. How many souls & Jesus could save through me! Certainly if He has raised prophets from stones and made mules prophecy He can help me love Him.

But my body clings to this life of ease and sinful pleasure, yet I would fling it all away because all it is, is a life of passing pleasure and false happiness! But don't get me wrong, father, I cannot say outwardly ~~no~~ that I wish to be a





would have a good chance of becoming a priest. I must admit that I have not been perfect in the matter but I have made valuable strides in trying to conquer myself.

The reason why I am writing to you is simply to ask you for a letter of recommendation so that I might have a better chance of becoming a chaplain's assistant. I feel that by being closer to the sacraments I might better be able to become chaste and closer to Jesus.

Here in the army there are so many souls to save that I feel even guilty at not having more doctrinal knowledge about our holy religion. So many times do I find myself trying to spread God's word. I find myself talking religion, trying to bring fallen Catholics to the church, trying to explain God's love to Protestants, and trying to make converts. So vividly I have realized there are so many souls to save!

At times I find myself praying ardently and when I think of the priesthood I find that my heart beats a little faster.

a priest. I just feel that with the help of the sacraments it might be made more clear to me my vocation in life. I pray, though, that if my vocation is the ministry, that I might become a saint. And I will, once I am in the cloister try to become a saint or nothing!

Father, please don't be afraid of my thinking about the priesthood again because of my great passions, but I cannot help it. I assure you, though, that if once I am actually in the cloister, if once I go to your door and beg formally to become a novice again (if I never do) you will be dealing with a sinner determined to become a saint and nothing else. I don't think I would be that fickle person I once was. I will be a new person simply deeply convinced that there is only one way.

I am not saying that I want to become a priest. I just pray that I have enough courage to do God's will perfectly, no matter what it is.

Please, father, write a letter of commendation for me to my chaplain. Tell him how important it is for me to be a chaplain's assistant. Send it to me. I promise I will not open it. I will give it personally to the chaplain.



Well, father, may you love Jesus  
and the Immaculate Heart of Mary  
even more daily. As for me, I ask  
you to pray for me and for your  
blessing. Remember me in the  
Holy Sacrifice of the Mass.

Always in Corde Matris

"Days"  
"Dayito"  
"Goulion"

~~et cetera~~

P.S.  
My address -  
Pvt. Octavio G. Boulion  
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Fort Campbell  
Kentucky

SISTERS OF THE HOLY CROSS

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BEVERLY HILLS, CALIFORNIA

Rev. Father Flaydine  
Dear Father,

New Year Greetings to  
you and your household.  
May the year be full of  
abundant Grace and  
much happiness.

Enclosed is a small  
gift in gratitude for the  
kindness you paid us in  
offering Holy Mass here.

Please offer one Holy  
Mass for the repose of  
the soul of Mr. Boland,  
two for the repose of the  
soul of Sister Delicia Marie  
and two for Sister Monita,  
deceased.

Again thank you,  
Ruth! Please offer a  
prayer for me sometime  
at the Consecration of the  
Mass, so that I might  
serve God better and give  
Him greater glory by offering  
prayers and sacrifices in  
a more beautiful and  
humble way. I feel that  
I have done so little and  
plan to do better but - each  
time I am back where I  
started from.

Be assured of a  
remembrance in my  
prayers - such as they  
are.

Gratefully,  
Sister Dorothy Mary





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J. M. J. T.

Dear Father Clairmont,  
I have been so ill with such suffering  
I have never had, it seems it goes  
from one thing to another I have been  
in bed for seven weeks. Father had  
to bring me Holy Communion. It is in  
my bones. The leg hips back, I have  
lost weight. The pain is worse than the  
cancer was, this are mixed up my  
fever ran 102. for over a week too.  
I caught a flu; on top of all so I am  
still in, I miss all the Guild so much  
but always pray and for all my friends  
a very wonderful thing happened to me

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a few weeks ago, at 1<sup>30</sup> am. I had the most wonderful Visitor. He was so wonderful He blessed me and put me to sleep I ask him who He was and He gave me His name, I will tell you all when I see you - I never get out again it took me over four weeks to find out if there was such a Saint, I never ~~heard~~ heard of them. But when we did find out He is a great one I have a picture of him now, St. Peregrine Laziosi, He was a Priest and cured of Cancer in the 14<sup>th</sup> Century. Just wait until I see you to tell you, you are the only Priest I would tell my Doctor, know a lot of things - He was one that was going to help me find out about him.

May God Bless you and your little novices and Augustine Chantry, I give everything for Priest and Sinners to our Blessed Mother to use where She will. I want to go to heaven at any cost and me your blessing forever

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"Praised be Jesus and Mary!"  
St. Mary's Convent of Mercy  
700 Webster Avenue  
Pittsburgh, Penna.  
Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross

Dear Father Aloysius, C. M. F.

I am enclosing three Holy  
Mass intentions:

1 in honor of the Sacred Heart of  
Jesus in thanksgiving for favor  
received by Mrs. Jennie McCue.

1 in honor of the Sacred Heart  
for Frank Lajarski - for peace  
in his family & to give up drink.

1 in honor of the Sacred Heart  
of Jesus in thanksgiving for  
favor received by Mrs. Hubener.

Your very kind words of  
spiritual guidance, received  
in your last letter have filled  
me with an ardent desire

to do & achieve all that you  
recommended. Henceforth, I  
shall earnestly strive to grow  
daily in intense, personal love  
for my Eucharistic Lover, & to  
console Him with my loving,  
though sinful & unworthy heart,  
when duty calls me from His  
Eucharistic Presence. I shall  
now make this the matter of  
my Particular Examen, if this  
meets your gracious approval.

I cannot express my deep  
gratitude for your fatherly  
interest in my poor soul.

Assuring you & your dear  
Novices of a constant remem-  
brance in my poor pray-  
ers, I beg to remain, Dear  
Father, Always,

Your grateful child in the  
Sacred Hearts of Jesus & Mary  
Sister Mary Conventista  
R.S.M.

829 West Park

Butte Montana

Rev. Father Aloysious

1119 Westchester Place

Los Angeles Calif.

Dear Father,  
I am the lady that  
you talked with at the Monastery.  
I told you about my daughter that  
was injured and lost her speech.  
(has regained it now). Then at the  
tea at Mrs. Clarke's I asked you if  
you could have a television set  
and you suggested a chalice instead.  
You also mentioned something about an  
inscription. If you would put my  
daughter's name on it, it would please



me very much.

She is married out of the Church an annulment has been requested I am so in hopes it will be accomplished.

Every time the chalice is raised in adoration I feel <sup>it</sup> will help her.

I called my parish priest here for an idea what the cost of a chalice is and he said "200 and up."

My daughters name is  
( Gatian Kelly Mueller )

Please continue to remember us in your prayers.

Sincerely yours

Mrs. D.M. Kelly

July 19 '54

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Dear Father, Adieu -

You will never know  
how very much your  
visit to Saint John's  
Hospital has meant to  
me -

I am gaining in  
bodily strength each day  
& hope before very  
long to have another

Trust with you -  
In the meantime. will  
you arrange for a  
novena of masses  
to be offered for my  
intention - I would  
deeply appreciate this -

My sincere gratitude  
Always for your prayers

Sincerely

Henry D. Briggs  
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*A Little Note for You*

J. M. J.  
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Dear Father Aloysius,

All happy and holy wishes and prayers for this joyous season and that the coming year will bring the fulfillment of all of your desires.

We had a lovely Christmas. There was a solemn high midnight Mass in the church. As there were four priests we had twelve Masses. Had I been able to plan more carefully I could have

heard my nine. As it was, I did assist at eight and the endings of two others. God was good.

Indiana is all right but not so good as California. I do hope that God has it in His Mind that I return. I am not one for places and things on a large scale. My feet will not take it. Health is still a consideration.

It has been good for me spiritually to



have had this change. I feel that I am a less difficult person now. Many of my pet grievances have partially or entirely disappeared.

In late November two of our Sisters flew to Formosa and stopped in Los Angeles on their way back. Two other home superiors flew to Rome in regard to Mother Theodore's cause. Progress was made and we are all very much encouraged. The need now is for reports of favors, minor and major miracles. I do wish that Lauril Swanson could be a major one. Perhaps you and your novices will remember our beatification intention.

For Christmas I received a check for my intentions. The best prayer is the Holy Mass. If you, Father, can offer or arrange to have offered some Masses for my intentions, I shall be very grateful. I am a somewhat subdued supplicant.

Sincerely in the Three Hearts,  
Sister Margaret Alma

St. Simon Convent  
202 E. Weyron Street  
Washington, Indiana  
December 30, 1954